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PREFACE.

The present volume of Calendar contains the papers of 11 months, July 1656, to May 1657, instead of only 8 or 9, like its immediate predecessors, the reason being that the meetings of the Council were far less frequent, and that the original papers are less numerous.

The notices of Cromwell vary as usual, according to the quarter whence they come. To his opponents, he seemed a hypocrite whose "cloak is worn so threadbare that "he has nothing left to cover his knavery;"—"the "King lost his head for raising a little ship-money, but "now things are ten times worse" (p. 52).

His former friend, Sir Henry Vane, wrote and published a work entitled "A Healing Propounded and Resolved," disparaging so severely the Protector's policy that he was threatened with imprisonment unless he would give security in £5,000 not to act against Government; refusing this, he was sent to the Isle of Wight, to be kept close prisoner, and not permitted to speak to any one except in presence of an officer (p. 98), but after 3 months' confinement, he was allowed to go to his own house at Belton, co. Lincoln (p. 194).

The approach of Parliament, which began its sittings in September 1656, was a cause of much anxiety lest the temper of the House should be unfavourable. The elections were not entirely approved by the Protector (pp. 111), and 140 of the members chosen were not admitted to the House, whereon they drew up a remonstrance, which was seriously debated. Cromwell, however, made a speech of three hours at the opening, which roused a party for him in the House (p. 113).

They passed an Act for the security of his person, condemning all who plot against him and his Government as guilty of high treason (p. 172), and they proposed to offer him the title of King, with the right of hereditary succession (pp. 189). This nearly cost him his life, for discontented army officers and fifth monarchy men engaged in a double plot—to blow up Whitehall with gunpowder, and to shoot the Protector on his way to Hampton Court (p. 243). "The news from England," writes a Paris resident, "is of plots and treasons, yea, of gunpowder treasons, which would have sent the Protector to heaven in a fiery chariot. Nine of his guards are imprisoned as actors in the intended tragedy, but the prime plotter, they say, was Lambert, who was within an inch of execution." (p. 250). The whole House went to congratulate him on his escape from the plot, when the multitude so thronged towards the banqueting house that the gallery on the top of the stairs fell, and in it 100 people, 20 being members of the House, and among them Lord Richard, the Protector's son, but with little hurt.

The effort to make the proposed crown hereditary in the Protector's family failed, chiefly through the influence of the army party, headed by the Majors-General, but retaliation awaited them. They wished for an Act to confirm their powers for life, but it was thrown out, and they were left at the Protector's pleasure as to their tenure of office (p. 257). A compromise was adopted that Cromwell should nominate his own successor, who should be owned by Parliament (p. 239), and that a House of Lords should be set up, the members to be nominated by Cromwell (pp. 303, 307, 309). At length, after long and earnest days of debate, the House passed, on 26th March 1657, by

124 against 62, a petition "requesting the Protector to "exercise the name, style, and office of King of England, " Scotland, and Ireland." Some officers did not suppress their dissatisfaction, but it was hoped that they would not raise trouble (pp. 320–1), and the people were on the look out for a coronation (p. 323).

The whole Parliament waited on the Protector at the banqueting house with their petition. " He answered them " kindly, yet discovered nothing of his intentions to refuse " or accept, but took time fully to weigh" the petition. Meantime all remained quiet, and the army promised acquiescence in what the Protector and Parliament should agree upon (p. 324). Hearing of demur to some of the 12 heads of their petition, Parliament decided, by 77 against 65, to adhere to it, and drew up reasons to induce his Highness to accept it in its entirety, all or none (p. 327).

Again, however, the opponents of monarchical rule asserted themselves; a rising of fifth monarchy men and Anabaptists was planned, but discovered in time, and 25 of them taken into custody. Upon them was found a declaration setting forth a new Government, and there was reason to suppose that the plot had wide ramifications (p. 335).

Major-General Harrison, Lawson, late vice-admiral, Colonel Danvers, Venner, and others were sent to prison in the Tower, Lambeth House, or the Gatehouse.

It was probably a sense of the deep-rooted opposition of the army to the restoration of the name of King—though far more than kingly power had long been wielded by the Protector—which led Cromwell to decline the proffered title. It was surmised that he had come to a compromise with the army, and pledged himself that, provided they would not oppose the offer of the crown being made to him, he would content himself with that honour, and not accept it (p. 337). However this may be, he desired an interview with

Parliament or commissioners appointed to wait upon him, and declined the kingship as against his conscience, deeming, it was said, that "his contempt of a crown will render him more honourable than any that wear it" (pp. 328, 338).

His answer caused consternation in Parliament, and they urged reconsideration, and pressed the Protector to listen to the advice of the three nations, in things judged to be for the public good, and to consent (p. 328). He gave Parliament a paper of reasons for his refusal, but instead of accepting it, they fell to new debates on the subject, in hope, it was said, that on the return of some regiments from Scotland and Ireland, who were not supposed to partake of the sentiments of the English army, the Protector might be led to reconsider the question (pp. 352–3, 360).

The details of these Parliamentary proceedings are gathered partly from letters addressed to Jos. Williamson by his London friend and bookseller, Hum. Robinson, and partly from papers preserved in the French correspondence. When Sec. Wm. Lockhart was sent ambassador to France in Feb. 1657, the Royalists tampered with one of his secretaries or under-secretaries, through whom they obtained copies or extracts of many letters that were sent to him or his secretary, Wm. Swift, especially those of Sec. Thurloe, and also Lockhart's letters to Thurloe; also of letters to others which passed through Lockhart's hands. The writer of these copies had no keys to the cypher in which some letters were written, but he occasionally guesses at their meaning. Many of these copies are endorsed with notes of their being sent to Sir Hen. Bennet, the King's resident in Spain, or to others of his Council.

When the present volume opens, the fortunes of the exiled Royalists were at a low ebb, and the small English court that usually flocked about Charles II. were through poverty and discouragement "so scattered and retired that " they are scarce visible."

Indeed, so sorely did the *res angusta domi* press upon them, that it was with difficulty they could keep up their intelligencers in England, although assured that the greater part of the people and the fleet were Royalists at heart (p. 82). One of them, who professes access to the fleet and to persons of quality at Whitehall, has 300 guilders paid towards a correspondence, the cost of which would be 300*l.* a year.

The Earl of Norwich complains that he is obliged to change quarters that he may gain a livelihood on trust, and avoid the affronts of creditors, and scorn of acquaintance (p. 117). Col. Borthwick, an old servant, who, however, was in prison at Bruges, because of suspicions as to his loyalty, complains in a petition to the King that he is perishing for want of necessaries, has not changed his clothes for three years, and is the only person in gaol who has not the smallest fire in winter, " and the limbs that have " carried me many a mile on your service are numbed, " having long been barefooted, and long a beggar, a trade " I never dreamed to make use of" (p. 217).

Dorothy Chiffinch, the King's laundress, and sempstress of the body linen, had much difficulty in obtaining the 4 livres a day which was to include rent of laundry, mending the "laced linen," washing the linen, and making it (p. 258).

The movements of the royal brothers were greatly dependent on those of their sister, Mary, Princess of Orange. In Dec. 1656, she had to go to Brussels on business relating to her son, and Charles II. went with her, hoping to improve the occasion by further intercourse with Don John of Austria, the governor of Spanish Flanders; but Don John retired to his country house 6 miles off before the King's arrival; a resident records that he came "in a "coach with 4 horses, but a poor retinue;" and adds, "He "is not overlaid with visits, I never yet saw a coach at "his door, and his *leveés* improve not (p. 189).

The following February her three brothers came to Helvoetsluys to convoy the Princess, but in passing the fort of St. Anace, and again at Sluys, a shot was discharged, either by accident or design, in the firing of a salute, which killed one person, and hurt three others close to the King (pp. 288, 293).

In April, however, Charles received a long-desired invitation to the Court at Brussels. His entry was made *incog.*, but he and his two brothers were at once visited by Don John of Austria, and his minister, Marquis Caracena, as well as by the Prince of Condé, and the other grandees (p. 325). They were treated with the ceremony belonging to their nominal, rather than their real position, and an adherent writes that "Our master is as much esteemed and loved "as we could desire by all who have seen him here, and "that is the greatest and best sort, for all the nobility "flock to him. He was at a ball on Saturday, where Don "Juan was, and danced to admiration. The two Dukes "were there also and danced (p. 328).". Balls, and tennis, and games were shared and visits exchanged; the comedy publicly attended, the English nunnery visited, &c. (pp. 333–4).

Meanwhile the English government were firm and strong in their efforts to crush the Stuart party. They banished all Cavaliers 20 miles from London during the sitting of Parliament, and they passed an Act in Parliament for annulling the title of Charles Stuart, or his brothers, or their descendants, to the throne, and adjudging all who assisted their right by money or otherwise as guilty of high treason, and to be punished with death (pp. 111, 119, 173). This so greatly discouraged the Presbyterians, who for the time were the principal advocates of royalty, that they gave up their projected plots, and waited in hopes of their king returning with an army from Flanders, and regaining his kingdoms through foreign force (p. 287).

Of this hope was entertained because in Jan. 1657, the King of Spain in order to take advantage of royalist proclivities in his war with Cromwell, offered free quarters to any who would assist the King of England, and this brought a concourse of English, Scotch, and Irish to Flanders. The House of Austria and the German Princes also made large proffers of assistance, but in order to avoid expense, delayed acting till the King was ready to pass over into England (p. 229).

One of his warm partisans, Lieut. Gen. Middleton, had not adopted this cautious policy. Encouraged by some vague promise of support made to him by the King at Bruges, he hastened into Germany, and raised a regiment with ease, but was driven to despair because he could not obtain adequate support for it (pp. 322, 334, 342). He urges that he knows not what to do with his soldiers. If he disband them, he will be unable to raise levies in future, yet he must be kept in cruel restraint unless he can raise 3,000 guilders, and not 10 are to be had from his countrymen in Dantzic, whence he writes, though "no place has more "kindness for the King" (p. 345). On the other hand, Sec. Nicholas threw the blame of Middleton's distress on his own precipitate rashness. The design of the journey was his own, he was confident of getting money as well as men, and then was promised help if possible, but at present they have not a penny, and "if I were to be hanged, I know not how to help it" (p. 342).

Again, he writes that Middleton has not fallen into straits by neglect of his friends, but by not pursuing his instructions, and that the first 100*l.* given was all that he was promised. The only relief proffered was permission to dispose of his levies to those who would be willing to pay their charges (p. 342).

The levies that came direct to the King to Flanders met with better reception. The governors of the ports were instructed to treat them civilly, the Colonels met at Brussels to memorialise about their lodging and subsistence (pp. 328, 334), and hopes were held out of a supply of money for their pay (pp. 336, 338); but money was more readily promised than paid. An allowance of 400 guilders a day was promised to the King for his expenses, but meantime, having to go into mourning on the death of the Emperor, Ferdinand III., Nicholas writes, "The King "has got himself into mourning; how he will pay for it, "God knows" (p. 342).

One casual mode of obtaining supplies was the seizure and imprisonment of disaffected Englishmen, who were made to pay ransom before liberation. One, a wealthy merchant, was reported to have said that "the most just "and heroic action in the world was that of cutting off the "late King's head." He and his brother-in-law were imprisoned at Antwerp, "and will not be released till they "have yielded some milk" (pp. 342, 344). Still, at the end of April, Nicholas records that "hitherto we have not "had one dollar" (p. 349).

The Duke of York in disgust returned to his sister at the Hague, where a match was projected for him with one of the daughters of the Princess Dowager. Charles II., weary of inactivity, made an offer to the Spanish Council at Brussels, in view of the breach between France and Spain, that if they would join all the English, Scotch, and Irish in their troops to his new levies, and add 2,000 horse, he would command them in person; if not, he would still go with the army, hoping that his presence would tend to draw off the English from the French service (p. 363).

At this juncture the present volume ends.

Among its *notabilia* is an interesting account in detail of the expenses incurred at the funeral of Charles I., proving that there was no disrespect shown to his remains (p. 69).

A few papers bearing on domestic legislation in England deserve to be pointed out. The attention of Council was drawn to the persecutions inflicted on Quakers; they were sent to prison or the stocks, and even whipped, women as well as men, and those who refused to whip them were fined. One of their most frequent offences necessitated some penalty, as they thought it their duty to make their way into churches—steeple houses or mass houses as they called them,—and publicly to remonstrate against the service. Another offence was refusal to take the Oath or Adjuration, which ought never in fairness to have been offered to them, being intended only to detect an inclination to Popery, and they refused it, not on that ground, but because it was their principle to "swear not at all," and thus they incurred the penalty. A third was the non-removal of the hat in a court of justice, but this was obviated by an order that their hats should be taken from them on entrance.

Many of them suffered long and weary imprisonments, and were treated with gross cruelty (pp. 123, 229, 230). They appealed to the Protector, and an order was issued in Council for the release of those in prison in cos. Devon, Dorset, Essex, and Suffolk (p. 122, 133), and the clerks of assize in the Western Circuit were forbidden to prosecute those indicted there for similar offences (p. 262).

On the other hand, Anne Blacklyn, of Yorkshire, was ordered to remain in prison till she had paid a fine of 20 nobles, for going into Haverill church, Suffolk, and calling the minister priest, hireling, deceiver, &c. (p. 305).

An appeal was made to the Protector by hackney coachmen in London and Westminster, who had been soldiers in Parliament's service, but on their disbanding, had availed themselves of the Ordinance allowing soldiers to trade, and had become hackney coachmen. The overseers of the company resented their intrusion, and their non-compliance with the regulations, and tried to effect their dismissal. The coachmen represented this as a political grievance, declaring that Cavaliers were admitted and they excluded (pp. 26, 27, 45).

It is stated in the proceedings that the number of coachmen within 6 miles of London and Westminster is limited to 200 or 250, the coaches to 300, and the horses to 600; but 235 pairs of horses more were employed, and as it appeared that the overseers of the Company had taken bribes to admit some men, and had unjustly prosecuted others, it was ordered that all such prosecutions should be stayed, and the bye-laws of the company reformed (pp. 74–76, 162, 163, 180).

The most important of the papers relating to local objects are the following: —

Gloucester Cathedral, cloisters, library, &c. (p. 3).

Wells Cathedral (p. 23).

Incorporations of Lynn Regis, Norfolk (p. 22), Colchester (p. 79), Leeds (p. 181), Abergavenny (p. 233).

Bartholomew's hospital and that for seamen at Chatham (p. 52).

Also that at Chester (p. 264).

Hatfield Chace, and the draining of the fen levels (p. 80).

Dungeness lighthouse (p. 138).

Dover harbour, its damages, and repairs needed (p. 265). Also Dunbar harbour, Scotland (pp. 331, 370).

The conservancy of the Thames and the grant of a ballasting office therein (pp. 291).

The enlargement of the buildings and renewal of the charter of Glasgow University (pp. 304, 305).

A volume containing an account of the collections made in the several churches in England and Wales for the Piedmontese Protestants affords statistics of the wealth and liberality of the respective towns (pp. 222–223).

By those interested in revenue generally, attention should be given to the weekly accounts of receipts and payments at the Customs, Excise, and Exchequer Offices (p. 223).

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12*th September* 1883.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCES OF THE PROTECTOR'S COUNCIL.

NAMES.	JULY 1656.																
	1	3	5	10	11	15	17	18	22	22	23	24	24	25	29	31	Totals 16.
Lord Protector Cromwell -	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	7
President Lawrence - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Desborow, Major-Gen. John -	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
Fiennes, Colonel John - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	10
Fleetwood, Chas., Lord Deputy	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	10
Jones, Colonel P. - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	15
Lambert, Major-Gen. John -	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	13
Lisle, Viscount - - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	13
Montague, Col. Edw. - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Mulgrave, Earl of - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Pickering, Sir Gilb. - -	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	7
Rous, Colonel Anth. - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	9
Skippon, Major-General Phil.	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	9
Strickland, Walter - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Sydenham, Colonel Wm. -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	14
Wolsley, Sir Charles - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	13

NAMES.	AUGUST 1656.								
	1	5	7	14	19	21	26	28	Totals 8.
Lord Protector Cromwell -	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	6
President Lawrence - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Desborow, Major-General -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Fiennes, Colonel - - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Fleetwood, Chas., Lord Deputy	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	7
Jones, Colonel P. - - -	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	7
Lambert, Major-General -	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	7
Lisle, Viscount - - -	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	3
Montague, Colonel - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Mulgrave, Earl of - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Pickering, Sir Gilb. - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	7
Rous, Colonel Anth. - -	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	6
Skippon, Major-General -	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	5
Strickland, W. - - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Sydenham, Colonel Wm. -	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	3
Wolsley, Sir Charles - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	6

NAMES.	SEPTEMBER 1656.																			
	3	4	5	9	10	10	11	11	12	13	15	16	16	17	19	20	22	25	29	Totals 19.
Lord Protector Cromwell -	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	4
President Lawrence - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	18
Desborow, Major-General -	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	12
Fiennes, Colonel - - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p**	18
Fleetwood, Chas., Lord Deputy	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	11
Jones, Colonel P. - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	18
Lambert, Major-General -	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	17
Lisle, Viscount - - -	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	8
Montague, Colonel - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Mulgrave, Earl of - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	4
Pickering, Sir Gilb. - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Rous, Colonel Anth. - -	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	6
Skippon, Major-General -	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	7
Strickland, W. - - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	18
Sydenham, Colonel W. - -	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*		13
Wolsley, Sir Charles - -	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	8

* In the chair.

Table of Attendances of the Protector's Council—*cont.*

NAMES.	OCTOBER 1656.									
	1	2	7	9	14	16	21	28	31	Totals 9.
Lord Protector Cromwell	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	7
President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	9
Desborow, Maj.-Gen	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	4
Fiennes, Colonel	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	6
Fleetwood, Ld. Deputy	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Jones, Colonel P.	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Lambert, Major-Gen.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	7
Lisle, Viscount	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	7
Montague, Colonel	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Mulgrave, Earl of	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	7
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	3
Rous, Colonel Anth.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	1
Skippon, Major-Gen.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	1
Strickland, W.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	9
Sydenham, Colonel	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Wolsley, Sir Charles	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	4

NAMES.	NOVEMBER 1656.									DECEMBER 1656.										
	1	4	11	13	18	20	25	27	Totals 8.	2	3	4	11	16	17	18	23	24	25	Totals 10.
Lord Protector Cromwell	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	5	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	3
President Lawrence	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	7	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	10
Desborow, Maj.-Gen.	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	7	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	9
Fiennes, Colonel	*p*	*p**	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	6	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Fleetwood, Ld. Deputy	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	9
Jones, Colonel P.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	7	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	4
Lambert, Major-Gen.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	10
Lisle, Viscount	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	6	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	7
Montague, Colonel	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Mulgrave, Earl of	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Pickering, Sir G.	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	4	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	7
Rous, Colonel Anth.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Skippon, Major-Gen	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	2
Strickland, W.	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	6	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Sydenham, Colonel	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	5	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	7
Wolsley, Sir Charles	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	2	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	8

NAMES.	JANUARY 1657.										FEBRUARY 1657.									
	1	6	8	12	13	20	22	23	27	Totals 9.	3	5	6	10	12	17	17	19	24	Totals 9.
Lord Protector Cromwell	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	2
President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	9	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	8
Desborow, Maj.-Gen.	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	7	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	6
Fiennes, Colonel	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	5	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	2
Fleetwood, Chas., Lord Deputy.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	9	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	8
Jones, Colonel P.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	9	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	9
Lambert, Major-Gen.	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	7	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	5
Lisle, Viscount	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	7	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p**	8
Montague, Colonel	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	7
Mulgrave, Earl of	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	5	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	8
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	7	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Rous, Colonel Anth.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Skippon, Major-Gen.	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	3	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	1
Strickland, W.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	9		–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	6
Sydenham, Colonel	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	8	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Wolsley, Sir Charles	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	7		*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	6

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NAMES.	MARCH 1657.							APRIL 1657.					MAY 1657.					
	3	5	10	12	17	19	Totals 6.	7	14	28	30	Totals 4.	5	6	12	14	26	Totals 5.
Lord Protector Cromwell	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	2	–	–	–	–	0	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	2
President Lawrence	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	3	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	4	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	5
Desborow, Major-General	–	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	2	–	–	–	–	0	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	3
Fiennes, Colonel	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	3	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	3	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	2
Fleetwood, Chas., Lord Deputy.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	5	*p*	–	–	–	1	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	5
Jones, Colonel P.	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	3	*p*	–	*p*	–	2	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	3
Lambert, Major-General	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	5	–	–	*p*	*p*	2	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	5
Lisle, Viscount	*p*	*p*	*p**	–	–	*p*	4	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	3	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	4
Montague, Colonel	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	3	–	*p*	–	–	1	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	3
Mulgrave, Earl of	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	3	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	4	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	5
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	5	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	3	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	4
Rous, Colonel Anth.	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	–	0
Skippon, Major-General	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	*p*	1
Strickland, W.	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	5	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	4	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	4
Sydenham, Colonel Wm.	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	3	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	2
Wolsley, Sir Charles	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	5	–	*p*	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	0

* In the chair.

TOTAL ATTENDANCES OF THE PROTECTOR'S COUNCIL.

	1656.						1657.					
MONTHS	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Totals.
No. of Sittings held	16	8	19	9	8	10	9	9	6	4	5	103
Lord Protector Cromwell	7	6	4	7	5	3	3	2	2	0	2	41
President Lawrence	16	8	18	9	7	10	9	8	3	4	5	97
Desborow, Major-Gen. John	4	0	12	4	7	9	7	6	2	0	3	54
Fiennes, Col. John	10	0	18	6	6	1	5	2	3	3	2	56
Fleetwood, Chas., Lord Deputy of Ireland.	10	7	11	8	8	9	9	8	5	1	5	81
Jones, Colonel P.	15	7	18	8	7	4	9	9	3	2	3	85
Lambert, Major-Gen. John	13	7	17	7	8	10	7	5	5	2	5	86
Lisle, Viscount	13	3	8	7	6	7	7	8	4	3	4	70
Montague, Col. Edw.	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	7	3	1	3	17
Mulgrave, Earl of	0	0	4	7	8	8	5	8	3	4	5	52
Pickering, Sir Gilb.	7	7	16	3	4	7	7	8	5	3	4	71
Rous, Colonel Anth.	9	6	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Skippon, Major-Gen. Phil.	9	5	7	1	0	2	3	1	0	0	1	30
Strickland, Walter	16	8	18	9	6	8	9	6	5	4	4	93
Sydenham, Colonel Wm.	14	3	13	8	5	7	8	8	0	3	2	71
Wolsley, Sir Charles	13	6	8	4	2	8	7	6	5	1	0	60

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1656.
July 1. **1.** Petition of Thomas Warren, merchant of London, and company, to Council, for satisfaction for service. On 29 May 1654, the Committee for Preservation of Customs and Redemption of Captives contracted with us for redemption of the captives in Morocco, and we thereupon gave special order to our factor, who went in person to the city of Morocco to treat with the King, and after 9 months' residence there, with much danger and difficulty, effected their freedoms. On their arrival, we presented them before the said Committee in Sept. 1655, with the account of their cost, and the Committee, finding 1,000*l.* was due thereon, granted an order to the Commissioners of the Customs to pay it, which they refused. We returned their resolution to the Committee for Redemption, who refer us to you for satisfaction. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

1. I. *Order by the Committee for Captives, &c., to the Commissioners for Customs for repayment to Warren of the said* 1,000*l.* 22 *May* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

1. II. *Certificate of the Committee for Captives, that they ordered the Commissioners for Customs,—who, by order of the Navy Committee of* 21 *Oct.* 1652, *lent* 5,000*l. Algiers duty money for redemption of captives to Rich. Hutchinson for the Navy,—to pay* 1,000*l. thereof for his expenses therein, but they give their reasons why they cannot pay it; request that they may be ordered to pay it.* [1 *page.*]

1. III. *Certificate by the Customs' Commissioners that they do not pay the* 1,000*l., because the order of the late Navy Committee, being delivered in as a voucher for that sum, would not be a discharge to them, the Algiers duty being expired before their time, and also that they are obliged to pay all customs in weekly to the Exchequer.* 14 *June* 1656. [1 *page.*]

July 1. Order thereon that the Admiralty Commissioners issue their warrant to the Navy Treasurer to pay 1,000*l.* to Warren towards repayment of the said 5,000*l.* Algiers duty. Approved 12 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 214, 244.]

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[July 1.] **2.** Petition of Isabella, wife of Hen. Clarke, prisoner at Ilchester, co. Somerset, to the Protector, for her husband's release in person and estate, on good security for his submission to government. He was acquitted on his trial, but has since remained 13 months in prison, to the ruin of herself and 10 children, and his estate was of late sequestered on certain general instructions to the Majors General, so that they have nothing to live upon. With reference thereon to Council, 18 June 1656. [1 *page.*]

July 1. Order thereon in Council that the Maj.-General and Commissioners order Hen. Clarke to be set at liberty, on security in 2,000*l.* for his not speaking or acting to the prejudice of his Highness and the present government, and that the bond be sent up to Council. [*I.* 77, *p.* 215.]

July 1. **3.** Request for an order to the Remembrancer of the Exchequer that—as a commission was issued in 1645 to Nath. Stephens and others, and another in 1649 to Lord Whitelock and others, to enquire concerning the spoils of Dean Forest—the master of that office be ordered to send down the said commission to the swanimote by some attorney of the Exchequer Court (Mr. Higgins is a fit man), the return of the commission being too bulky to be copied. Also request for an order to the master of the capital office to attend at the justice seat, having ready the records of the last justice seat for the forest, in 1634. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

July 1. Orders in Council thereon as requested. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 218.]

July 1? **4.** Statement of the legal officers required at the Court, *viz.*, 4 judges, assistant to the chief justice in Eyre, the attorney or solicitor-general, and a serjeant-at-law on his Highness's behalf; a clerk of the Iter to read the records, summon the forest officers, and direct the Court's proceedings, &c.; a crier to make proclamations, &c. The claims of the country to be received on a fixed day, and notice given by proclamation. [1$\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*]

July 1. Council. Day's Proceedings.

2. Order on certificate from James Stapeley and 3 others—to whom, by order of 24 Jan. last, the examination about the Jacob of Amsterdam, which came ashore near Arundel, co. Sussex, and her lading was referred—that Strickland, Jones, and Desborow, speak with the Admiralty Judges, give them the papers, and take effectual course for releasing the persons concerned.

5. Order on a return by the sheriff of co. Hereford on a writ of *ad quod damnum* that there will be no damage to any one in granting to the inhabitants of the market town of Bromyard 3 yearly fair days—to advise his Highness to grant the same for the Thursdays before the feast of the Anunciation, St. James' Day, and St. Luke's.

7. Wm. Lenthall, Master of the Rolls, to cause Lord Borthwick's evidences and writings, ordered 5 June last to be transmitted to the Council in Scotland, to be sealed up and sent by such way as he thinks fit.

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8. Order on the petition of John Parker [*see* 30 *Aug.* 1655] and on several reports, one being from the Treasury Commissioners, thereon, that—as one of the reports refers to an account which should be particularly examined before a final order is given—Col. Wm. Boseville, Rich. Sydenham, and John Sparrow examine the account and certify. *Annexing,*

5. *Report of the Treasury Commissioners, approving that of the Trustees for Sale, &c.,* [*see* 24 *Jan.* 1656] *but referring the decision as to Parker's relief to Council.* 7 *May* 1656. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

10. The Maj.-General and Commissioners for co. Oxon to allow Mr. Allestree to officiate as chaplain in the family of Sir Ant. Cope if they think fit. Approved 12 July.

11. The petition of Rich. Goddard, for permission to practise in his profession of common law, referred by his Highness to Council, read and put, and passed in the negative.

12. The petition of the next of kin, 20 in number, to the late Wm. Toomes of Hackney, and that of Edmund, Earl of Mulgrave, with that of Rich. Toomes, of Potterspury, co. Northampton, and the report from the Great Seal Commissioners annexed to Mulgrave's petition, referred to Desborow, Strickland, Lisle, Wolsley, Jones, Fiennes, Rous, and Sydenham, to report.

13. The order of 5 June last, on the certificate from the treasurers concerning the 2nd moieties upon the purchasers of the Marquis of Winchester's estate, to be sent to the Treasury Commissioners, who are to learn what has been done thereupon, and to see it put to effectual execution.

14. Out of the first money coming in for the said 2nd moieties of the said estate, satisfaction to be made to Mary, wife of Maj.-Gen. Rich. Fortescue, for damage by reason of a judgment had against him in an action of waste by Lord St. John, and for all costs and charges thereby. Approved in person.

15. On payment of 4,000*l.* by the Earl of Devon to the War Treasurers, for pay of the militia forces according to the establishment, he is to be discharged from further proceedings by the Maj.-General and Commissioners. Approved in person.

17. Order on report on the petition of the mayor, &c., of Gloucester, that the late cathedral with its utensils, cloisters, churchyards, library, and schoolmasters' and other houses, be henceforth enjoyed by them, for the preaching of the Word, education of children, and other public uses, they keeping the same in sufficient repair. Approved in person. *Annexing,*

6. *Report on which the said order is founded.* [*Unsigned draft.*]

20. The Admiralty Commissioners to give warrants to Capt. Alderne to put 2 hogsheads of brandy on board each of 6 ships bound to transport soldiers to Jamaica, for their use on the passage. Approved in person.

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21. As it appears that the whole sum of 1325*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* is due to Capt. Rob. Greenwood, on 3 accounts, stated by the Commissioners for monthly Accounts in co. Derby, after defalcation of free quarter, the whole sum is to be paid him out of ½ his discoveries, instead of the two-thirds ordered Thursday last. Approved in person.

23. Scobell to learn in what service Mr. Slader acts, and by what authority, and to report.

24. Order—on petition of Robt. Parkhurst, of Pirford, and of the inhabitants of Wisley and Pirford, co. Surrey, against the intended union of the parishes of Wisley and Bifleet, and for the union of Wisley with Pirford—that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers enquire into the matter, and report. Approved in person.

27. Lucy Barlow; prisoner in the Tower, to be sent back to Flanders, with her child, and Sir John Berkstead to see it done. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 213–219.]

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7. Arguments by Dr. Walter Walker, Admiralty judge, against the maxim that if a ship be free, all the goods she carries must be free, because an enemy might hire a friend's ship to convey his goods, or a ship might be laden with goods belonging partly to friends partly to enemies. Quotations from legal works, ancient and modern, on the subject, answers and replications. [6 *closely written sheets.*]

July 1.
The Speaker, Cadiz.

8, 9. Thos. Pointer to the Admiralty Commissioners. The fleet having finished its work at Lisbon, weighed from Cascaes Road and came to anchor before Cadiz, 27 June. A frigate having arrived from England, with packets for the General, several of the ships were thereupon ordered home. It is conceived there will be no action here, the Spaniard not daring to adventure his fleet, but people wonder that such a near neighbour enemy, who does all the injury he can, is not looked after, and some course taken with him. There are daily complaints of poor merchantmen being taken, while our fleet is lying idle and scarcely takes a boat in a month, but the seeking after great things hinders our doing good things.

Dunkirk is a thorn in our sides, and when the place is at our disposal, it will be a great benefit to England.

P.S. July 5.—There has been a very great storm, and the damage and loss to the fleet will exceed 800*l.*, as several ships were forced on the enemies' shore; this will be a very bad coast for the fleet to winter upon. [2 *pages.*]

July 2.
Winchester.

10. Col. Wm. Goffe to Thos. Collins, Chichester. By an Order of the Protector, of 21 June 1656, you are to pay 176*l.* 10*s.*, the ½ of the sum paid to you by the executors of John Albery, of Arundel, Sussex, to Jas. Goffe and 3 others. I beg you to do this, and to give Albery's executors a receipt for 100*l.* more, which will make up the money received to 353*l.* The 111*l.* 8*s.* 7*d.* which his Highness orders you to pay me for Capt. Mat. Draper and his soldiers, pay to Lieut. John Alexander and Quartermaster Thos. Talbie, who have Draper's power-of-attorney for it. I leave it to you to follow his Highness's orders as to the residue. The parties concerned allow you 40*s.* for your pains. With receipt for the 111*l.* 8*s.* 7*d.* same day. [2 *pages.*]

July 2. **11.** Receipt by John Pellatt, for Jas. Goffe and others, of the said sum of 176*l.* 10*s.* Endorsed with note by Collins, 20 April 1658, of Goffe's acquittance for 60*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*, his share of the above, and of a power from Wm. Woodman to Pellatt to receive his share. [1½ *pages.*]

July $\frac{2}{12}$. Paris. **12.** C. George to Williamson, Saumur. I forward the enclosed. Tell Mr. Calander I have received his letter, and sent it to London. [*French*, ⅔ *page.*]

July 3. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

3. Order—on petition of the mayor, aldermen, and common council of King's Lynn, co. Norfolk, and the surrender of the charter of the borough to his Highness—that Desborow, Jones, Lambert, Sydenham, Strickland, and the Lord-Deputy consider the charter, and what the petitioners offer for the good government of their borough, and report what should be done about renewing the charter. Approved in person.

4. The same Committee to consider whether the charter of Woodstock should be renewed, and report.

5. The petition of Jasper Clutterbuck, late Receiver of the monthly Assessments in co. Gloucester, referred to Desborow, Sydenham, Jones, Lambert, and Lisle, to report.

6. The Treasury Commissioners to take security from Col. Harvey, and the other late Customs' Commissioners, for the rest of the money they have to pay, according to an order of 5 June last.

7. The petition of many poor planters of English tobacco in and near co. Gloucester, with the certificate of divers justices of the peace and other well-affected inhabitants of the county, referred to Desborow, Jones, Lambert, Sydenham, and Lisle, to report.

8. **13.** The Admiralty Commissioners to give instructions from time to time to the present Commissioners and officers of Prize Goods, according to the commission and instructions given to the Prize Goods' Commissioners, a copy whereof is to be sent to the Admiralty Commissioners. Approved in person.

10. The Admiralty Commissioners to give warrant to the Ordnance officers at the Tower to deliver to Capt. Wm. James 10 minions with 300 balls, on security to return them or their value within such time as they shall agree upon. Approved in person.

11. The petition of Rich. Norton, concerning 3 lodges in Holt Forest, co. Hants, whereof he is lieutenant by his Highness's patent,—which lodges, being railed and impaled, have been sold as parks, to the prejudice of his Highness's right in the forest, and of the trees there growing of many thousand pounds value, which are only preserved by care of the keepers, who live in these lodges;—with all proceedings had thereon, referred to Maj.-Gen. Goffe and the

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Commissioners for co. Hants, to examine and report. Approved in person.

12. The following draft of a declaration concerning the accounts of some officers in Ireland, not yet stated, read and approved.

13. Order on a letter from the Council in Ireland to the Lord-Deputy, of 28 Jan. 1655–6,—shewing that several officers of the army in Ireland served first in England, but were not paid, on account of their speedy transfer to Ireland, nor had their accounts stated, and that the Commissioners for stating accounts for the army in Ireland cannot state them, because the muster rolls and other necessary documents are in England, at Worcester House; in consideration whereof, and of the great merit of the said officers, a declaration was published (whereof a copy is enclosed), and the said officers having performed their part in pursuance thereof, have sent an agent to England to supplicate, and to have their accounts stated and papers made out, to enable them to receive satisfaction in Ireland. Also that several officers and soldiers (whose names are annexed) have arrears due for service in England, who, either being in England, or having their vouchers in England, could not put in their claims to the Commissioners in Ireland, according to the declaration of July last. Also that some others, whose vouchers were lately sent over, have desired to have debentures to obtain their English arrears:—That the Worcester House Commissioners state the accounts mentioned in a list from the Council in Ireland, and those in a list annexed, and certify the arrears due to each, his capacity, under whom he has served, and his time of service; and that the Commissioners for stating accounts of officers and soldiers in Ireland give them debentures for their arrears, stating the sum due and the time of service, to be paid from the lands, houses, &c., in Ireland at the disposal of the State; which debentures shall be as effectual as any given by the Commissioners for Accounts in Ireland in exchange for debentures in England. With a list of 46 officers alluded to. Approved in person.

14. The petition to the Protector of Robt. Candler, concerning his losses about Colchester, referred to Desborow, Sydenham, Jones, Lambert, and Lisle, to report.

15. Desborow, Jones, Lambert, Fiennes, Sydenham, Lord-Deputy, Wolsley, and Strickland, to receive from the Commissioners on fraudulent debentures the obstructions to the effectual execution of that service, to send for whom they please, and give fit directions for removal thereof, and if any difficulty occur, to report to Council for further directions. Approved in person.

16. Anne, wife of Col. Robert Overton, in custody of the Lieutenant of the Tower, to be allowed to abide with her husband in the Tower, if she thinks fit.

17. The Customs' Commissioners to allow the following articles to be shipped, custom free, aboard 6 ships bound for Jamaica, *viz.*:—

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Shipped by Martin Noel, of London, merchant,

2,000 coverlids.
2,000 pair of breeches.
200 steel spades.
200 hatchets.
180,000 nails.

With sundry other necessaries upon the officers' private account.

Shipped by Capt. Alderne, 700 tons of bread, flour, oatmeal, and other provisions. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 220–5.]

July 5. **14.** Statements before the Committee for hackney coachmen, of Rob. Wood, Thos. Brankler, Mrs. Bartlet, whose husband is a soldier in Jamaica, and of several late Parliamentary soldiers, of their being put to prison or otherwise unduly fined, and obstructed in acting as hackney coachmen. Counsel was heard on both sides, and only 4 of the corporation of hackney coachmen being offenders, it was pleaded that the corporation should not be dissolved, that the additional rules for it were read and confirmed by his Highness and Council, and that they are ready to admit a limited number of soldiers. [3 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

14. I. *List of 23 witnesses who are to be summoned to give evidence on the case.* [1 *page.*]

July $\frac{6}{16}$. Paris. **15.** C. George to Williamson. I send you your letter of change, without loss, as you see. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, French.*]

July 7. Navy Office. **16.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. It is not pleasing to us to fill your ears with complaints, yet we judge it our duty, while entrusted with so great a share of the Naval affairs, to again remind you of the emptiness of all the stores, and the great want of masts, deals, and canvas; now is the season to make provision. We have not been wanting in obtaining supplies by means of fair promises, and now we are hardly thought and spoken of by those who cannot obtain their money, which cannot but reflect unhandsomely upon us and others; and although we have endeavoured to husband things to the utmost, by granting imprests, so as to draw in a considerable quantity of goods, yet those very bills are unpaid, by which means we cannot procure any further supplies.

P.S.—We have large demands of canvas for sails at Chatham, and have none in store. [1 *page.*]

July 7. The Speaker, Cadiz. **17.** Thos. Pointer to the Navy Commissioners. The ships have arrived from Vigo, where they only burnt 2 men-of-war, and a prize, with the loss of the steward of the Assurance and two men wounded. The Cullen was too near 50 pieces of ordnance to be meddled with.

The design upon Vigo had proved successful but that the Friars on shore at Lisbon were too quick for us, our enemies very many, and our friends very few. Capt. Smith of the Lyme has taken a vessel with silk and other stuff, which will prove a rich prize.

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1656. It is reported that the Naseby and all the 4th rate frigates remaining are going to Tripoli, to demand satisfaction for one of our merchantmen, taken by some of their men-of-war. The loss of anchors, cables, and boats in the storm has been general throughout the fleet. [1 *page.*]

July 8. **18.** Petition of John Serle, for the inhabitants of Buckarell, co. Devon, to the Protector and Council. We never within the memory of man have had a qualified minister, our vicarage not being worth 20*l.* a year, and in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Exeter, the sheaf let for 3 lives, from which 9*l.* is paid to the Trustees for Ministers, which was before paid to us by the Committee for Plundered Ministers, and we made 50*l.* out of Edm. Windham's estate, now unduly discharged. We have lately outed a scandalous minister, and a good man being tendered to us, we beg you to make up the 9*l.* augmentation to 30*l.*, and we will therewith make up a competence. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

18. I. *Certificate by Maj.-Gen. Desborow that Edm. Mathew, late vicar of Buckarell resigned for fear of a judgment, being suspended.* 20 *June* 1656. [⅓ *page.*]

18. II. *Certificates by A. Blake and Lord-Deputy Chas. Fleetwood, in favour of John Hoskins, as a good and gracious minister.* 23 *June* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

July 8. Order thereon that the Trustees for Ministers settle 30*l.* a year on the minister of Buckarell. Approved 12 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 226, 244.]

July 8. **19.** Petition of Wm. Barker to the Protector and Council, for leave to continue to exercise the office as domestic chaplain to Lady Gargrave. Has lived with her since he went out of New College, Oxford, with unquestioned reputation for learning and soberness of conversation, and has lived quietly under the present government. With reference thereon to Council 1 July. [1 *page.*]

July 8. Order thereon in Council that the Majors General and Commissioners for co. Oxford permit him to continue in his office. Approved 12 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 227, 244.]

[July 8.] **20, 21.** Petition of Ant. Robert to the Protector. In July 1654, I had 7 bales of cotton and 20 chests of soap seized in a ship bound from Marseilles to Rouen, which was a French port. By your recommendation to the Admiralty Court, and attestations from France, I got an order for the goods, but before I could bring it to the Commissioners for Prize Goods, they had sold for 134*l.* goods which in France would have yielded double the money, but I should lose the rest of their value in charges if I had to go to Rouen for proof. I beg you to accept an attestation and my declaration on oath as to their ownership, and to discharge my bail. With reference, 23 April 1656, to the Admiralty judges, and their report, 9 May 1656, that the proof of propriety is not legal, though the presumptions are strong, and therefore they cannot discharge the bail. [2 *papers.*] *Annexing,*

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21. I. *Attestation by Rob. le Francis, merchant of Rouen, before 2 notaries of Rouen, that the said goods are the property of Ant. Robert.* 7 *September* 1654. [1 *page, translation.*]

21. II. *Deposition by A. Robert of his ownership thereof.* 7 *May* 1656. [½ *page.*]

[July 8.] **22.** Petition renewed for an order to the Admiralty judges to release his bail, or at least to excuse him the chargeable formality of a commission to go beyond seas for proof, and if they are convinced of the reality of his claim, to proceed according to equity. With reference, 13 June 1656, to Privy Council.* [1 *sheet.*]

July 8. Order thereon that the Admiralty judges release the sureties, and discharge Robert and them from further prosecution. [*I.* 77, *p.* 227.]

July 8. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Elizabeth Maxwell, Countess of Dirleton, to be committed to the custody of the serjeant-at-arms, till she conform to the several orders for her to forbear to prosecute the Marquis of Argyle, and she is to take her remedy by law in Scotland. With warrant to the said serjeant to take her into custody. [*I.* 114, *p.* 8.]

2. The writ for summoning the next Parliament to bear date July 10, 1656.

3. The outside of the purse to be prepared for the Great Seal to have a suitable figure embroidered therein.

5. Order on report from the Committee on the petition of Col. Edm. Salmon and his wife Mary, for themselves and the children of the late Gen. Deane—shewing that by an Ordinance of 30 January 1654–5, it was ordained that all sums allowed by the Commissioners for removing Obstructions chargeable on the manors of Halsall and Downhelland, co. Lancaster, formerly conveyed to the widow and children of Gen. Deane, should be paid from the treasury at Drury House, and that the Commissioners have allowed John Currance a debt of 281*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, chargeable on the said manors—that in satisfaction for the said debt the Treasurers for the sale of forfeited Estates accept 281*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, allowed to Currance as so much ready money paid into the Treasury, and that on his bringing in so many public faith bills and debentures as will amount to the said sum, the Treasurers give him a double bill in lieu thereof, to purchase delinquents' lands, there exposed for sale; and on receipt of the said double bill, he is to discharge the manors of Halsall and Downhelland; and if any others have debts charged on the said manors, and consent to accept like satisfaction, the Treasurers are to proceed therein as in this case. Passed, with slight additions, 10 July, and approval signified by the Lord President.

12. Mark Coe, Receiver-General for Middlesex, Essex, and London, to have 1*s.* 2*d.* instead of 1*s.* poundage, which will increase his yearly salary to about 326*l.*

13. The petition of Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen Nau, for her mother and Stephen's children, referred by his Highness to Council, referred to Desborow, Lambert, Jones, Strickland, and Sydenham, to report.

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* This is the first time that the term Privy Council appears.—Ed.

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15. An additional instruction to the Council in Scotland. At the Parliament convened 5 July 1650—considering that John, Earl of Cassilis, William, Earl of Lothian, Alex. Brody, Geo. Windram, of Liberton, Sir John Smith, of Grottall, and Alex. Jeffray, provost of Aberdeen, took up for the service 7,500*l.* sterling, giving not only the public faith but their own private security—there was ordered for their relief a levy of 108,000*l.* (Scots) on the shires and boroughs of Scotland, most of which is uncollected, and the rest remains in the collectors' hands. You are to give warrants for its collection and payment into the Exchequer for Scotland. Read and agreed to.

18. Order—on report from the Irish Committee on Colonel John Nelson's petition for payment of his disbursements in the service from the public treasury and from forfeited lands in Ireland—that the Council in Ireland be asked to enquire into the truth of the matter, and do what they can for the petitioner's relief, or state the case, with their opinion.

20. The report from the Committee on the petition of the Countess of Bristol referred, with the affidavit of Thos. Chaffe and Hugh Hodges, and other papers, to the Major General and Commissioners for co. Dorset, to discharge her from decimation, if just. Approved 11 July.

22. The petition of Sir Chas. Egerton of Newborough, co. Stafford, for discharge from decimation, referred to the Maj.-General and Commissioners. Approved 12 July.

23. The petition of divers well-affected tradesmen dealing in woollen cloth, of the West Riding of Yorkshire, for regulating the market at Wakefield, referred to the Trade Committee.

24. The business of Lord Paisley referred to the Committee on Scotch Affairs.

25. Chris. Lister added to the Trade Committee. Approved 12 July.

26. The petition of Thos. Jenner, and certificate, referred by the Protector to Council, referred to the Committee on Capt. Leverett's business, *viz.* Mulgrave, Pickering, Fiennes, Lambert and Jones.

27. The several petitions claiming arrears of pay for officers and soldiers now or lately in Jamaica referred to the Committee on Jamaica Business, to state the cases.

28. The petition of Henry Leigh for exemption from decimation, referred to the Maj.-General and Commissioners for co. Chester. Approved 12 July.

29. The report of Mr. Wheeler and the rest of the Sub-Committee for Trade, on the petition of divers free merchants trading to Holland, to be considered on Thursday.

30. The report from the Committee on Petitions for arrears of those in Jamaica referred to the Committee on Jamaica business, to report next Thursday. [*I.* 77, *p.* 225–232.]

July 8.
Whitehall.

Pres. Lawrence to the Council in Scotland. His Highness and Council having considered the Earl of Lothian's petition for himself and other Commissioners sent by the Parliament of Scotland to take up several sums of money on the public faith of that nation, according to which they took 7,500*l.*, amounting with interest to 9,000*l.*, for payment whereof 108,000*l.* was ordained by the Parliament of Scotland to be levied on the boroughs and shires, and part was levied and ordered to be brought in, and the rest to be collected; they wish to know how the 7,500*l.* grew to 9,000*l.*, and if you find no just cause for raising it so high, keep the residue for the State's use. Out of the sums brought in on the assessment, you must pay the petitioners 7,500*l.*, reserving for the State 1,500*l.* lent to Alex. Jeffray, and report to us speedily. Approved 12 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 229, 244.]

July $\frac{9}{19}$ Brussels. N. N. [Maximilian Vernatt] to [Sec. Thurloe.] All news about C. St. [Charles Stuart] is mute. The Marquis of Newcastle was lately here to take the air. The rest of the English, through poverty and little hopes of amendment, are so scattered and retired that they are scarce visible. I know a whole college of Irish priests; their patron makes much of me, and is familiar with Ormond; either he is too cunning for me, or there is nothing in agitation. Spain is said to have lately yielded the benefit of his share in piracy at Dunkirk to Charles Stuart, but it will be of small comfort to him if good order be kept there. Capt. Evertsen is taken by the English, with 3 Holland merchant ships coming from Spain. The hopes are that the Hollander will not endure it, and his discontent will burst out into open war. The crew express much hatred to you there, and expect much advantage by such a falling out. I wish I had not to hear their injurious detestations. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence,* 19 *July,* 1656.]

[July 10.] **23.** Petition of Capt. John Lyes to the Protector. I served actively and faithfully in the late war from 1642 to 1652, except in 1647, when I was sick, and was dangerously wounded and plundered by Sir Wm. Russell, governor of Tewkesbury for the King. There is 100*l.* due to me for service, and on public faith. I beg that the Commissioners for the peace of co. Gloucester may examine my certificates, and consider the best way for my payment. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

23. I. *Certificate by Capt. John Herring to Lyes' service as cornet to his troop from* 18 *March to* 11 *September* 1643, *when he received only* 14*l.* 8 *March* 1648–9. [*Scrap.*]

23. II. *Certificate by Ant. Edwards, Thos. Peirce, and Nich. Webb, Commissioners for accounts co. Gloucester, to his service as cornet under Col. Massey from* 12 *September* 1643 *to* 23 *March* 1646–7, *when he was severely wounded; he received only* 283*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*, *so that* 622*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.* *remains due to him.* 1 *October* 1648. [1 *page.*]

23. III. *Certificates by the Militia Commissioners for co. Hereford to his valiant service from Sir Wm. Waller's first marching to Gloucester to the present time, except when disabled by wounds. Hereford,* 26 *July* 1651. [1 *page.*]

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23. iv. *Like certificate by the Commissioners for co. Gloucester to his service as captain in Sir Wm. Constable's regiment, from* 23 *August to* 11 *September* 1651. 12 *September* 1651. [1 *page.*]

July 10. Order thereon that 622*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.* be paid him out of the $\frac{1}{2}$ of his discoveries of concealed moneys or lands, which the Treasury Commissioners are to receive and examine. Approved 12 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 234, 244.]

[July 10.] **24.** Representation by the churches of Christ at Winchcomb, Burton-on-the-Water, Tewkesbury, Odington, and Deerhurst, co. Gloucester, to the Protector, that Col. Rich. Aylworth, of Aylworth, was the first gentleman in the county who took up arms for Parliament; that he was valiant, active, and faithful, and a great preservation of those parts in the hottest of the wars, and the principal agent in stopping the late King's army at Stow-in-the-Wold; that his sufferings and expenses were unequalled in the county, and weigh on him to the ruin of that ancient family, and disable him from service, which is grievous to all who fear the Lord in the county. Beg relief for him. Signed by the 5 pastors. [1 *sheet.*]

July 10. Order in Council that he have what monies are due to him from the $\frac{1}{2}$ of his own discoveries of concealments, and that the Army Committee state his accounts for his service. Approved 12 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 234, 244.]

[July 10.] **25.** Petition of Wm. Borlase, for himself and his brothers, Sir John and Edm. Borlase, to the Protector. Their mother, Alice, lady Borlase, had 800 marks for life out of the Exchequer, of which 4,000*l.* is due, and for this and her husband's good service, 4*l.* a-week was allowed her, which continued till her death. [*See Composition Tables,* 24 *August* 1653.] Their father, by reason of the troubles and non-payment of his arrears, had to sell his estate, and left debts of 1,200*l.*, Sir John, the eldest son, being engaged for 900*l*, and his pension of 2*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.* a-week stopped these 9 months. Beg continuance of the 4*l.* a-week allowed their mother till the said arrears are paid. With reference thereon to Council to allow the petitioner 40*s.* a week. 7 June 1656. [1 *sheet.*]

[July 10.] **26.** Copy of the above petition and reference, with note of reference thereon by Council to Mr. Sydenham. 28 July 1656. [1 *page.*]

July 10. Order thereon for a pension of 40*s.* a week for their support till further order is taken. [*I.* 77, *p.* 235.]

[July 10.] **27.** Petition of Mat. Stodart for the inhabitants of Barnardcastle, Durham, to Lord Lambert. In 1644, John Rogers, M.A., was sent by Parliament authority as our minister, and has laboured faithfully ever since. At first he had 150*l.* a year by Parliament's order, 23 April 1645, from the possessions of the Dean and Chapter of Durham, and on sale of their lands by the Commissioners at Newcastle-on-Tyne, the tithes of Billingham, value 120*l.*, were settled on him; but these have not lately reached 80*l.*, so that he cannot so comfortably provide for his family. The Newcastle Commissioners also settled the reserved rent of Ackliffe, 19*l.* 10*s.*, for a schoolmaster, as the ablest men are too impoverished to maintain either minister or schoolmaster. We beg your interest with the Protector for the payment of these stipends, and their settlement on the town, in case of your removal or decease. [1 *sheet.*]

July 10. Order thereon in Council to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, to settle 100*l.* a year on the minister, in lieu of the augmentations granted by the Committee for Propagation of the Gospel in the 4 northern counties. Approved 18 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 235, 266.]

July 10. **28.** Petition of Jas. Phillipps, Esq., for himself and the inhabitants of co. Cardigan, to the Protector and Council, that one half of the assessment of 360*l.* a month, charged on them in the last assessment for 60,000*l.* a month, may be taken off, according to several Orders of Parliament and of his Highness and Council, theirs being the least and poorest county in the nation. [½ *page.*]

July 10. Order thereon in Council that the Army Committee respite the levying of ½ the 6 months' assessment, ordered 24 June, and that the Treasurers at War and collectors forbear to levy it. Approved 18 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 236, 244.]

July 10. **29.** Petition of Nicholas, Lord Deincourt, to the Protector. I have a cause depending in Chancery, wherein Robert Sutton and Thos. Williams were plaintiffs, and it was to be heard 2 July, but the Lords Commissioners ordered the trial to be by law at the next Bedford Assizes, 28 July. I beg leave that John Ashburnham, my most material witness, who is under restraint by your command, may be present at the trial, or I shall be in danger to be overthrown in a just cause. [¾ *page.*]

July 10. Order thereon that John Ashburnham be forthwith taken into custody by the serjeant-at-arms, and that he be allowed to go to Bedford assizes to witness for Lord Deincourt with a careful keeper, who shall not suffer him to confer with any person about other matters than those relating to the trial. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 239; *I.* 114, *p.* 10.]

July 10. **30.** Petition of the church at Woodbridge, Suffolk, to the Protector, for an augmentation to their minister, Fred. Woodall. Woodbridge is a poor yet populous market town; Woodall preaches twice a week, visits much, and has some voluntary contributions, but nothing else, and he has many small children. 14 *signatures.* [1 *page.*]

July 10. Order thereon for an augmentation of 40*l.* a year, the late order of restraint notwithstanding. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 241.]

July 10. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Report from the Treasury Commissioners, concerning the duty of almage referred to Jones, Lambert, Desborow, Wolsley, Lord-Deputy, and Strickland, to report.

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3. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the War Treasurers 360,000*l.* out of the present 6 months' assessment, as imprest for the Army.

4. Jones, Lisle, Lambert, Wolsley, Strickland, Rous, and Desborow, to prepare an order and declaration for six months' assessment, from 24 Dec. 1656 at 60,000*l.* a month, to be paid 3 months beforehand, to consider days for the Commissioners, meeting and days of payment, and report.

5. The same Committee to consider what moneys stand charged on the Treasury by privy seals that are most necessary to be paid off, and report.

6. Also to consider the payment of arrears of pensions granted to the Earls of Crawford and Lindsey, the Earl-Marshal, the Earl of Lauderdale, and Lord Sinclair.

7. Out of the arrears of Lord Sinclair's pension, satisfaction to be made to the suitors and others to whom monies are owing by him for provisions, and the rest to be paid to him, and he to have liberty to go beyond seas, on security not to return to England or Scotland.

11. Order on report on the petition of John Taylor [*see* 22 *May* 1656], granting the patent for his inventions requested for 14 years. *Annexing,*

31. *Report alluded to, signed by Desborow and Jones.* [¾ *page.*]

12. Order on petition of Mary Floyd, widow—that her husband was clerk of the check in the Half Moon in the West Indies, where he died, and praying some allowance for herself and 2 children—that the Admiralty Commissioners relieve her according to justice.

15. The reports from Mr. Baron and Mr. Carey, in the case of prohibitions, referred to Lambert, Desborow, Lisle, Jones, and Wolsley, to report.

18. To advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay John Embree 1,000*l.* for repairs to his Highness' houses and other works, on an account stated by the auditors.

19. The draft of a commission from the Treasury Commissioners, enabling them to proceed to allowances upon discoveries of concealed estates, referred to Desborow, Jones, Lambert, Strickland, and Lisle, to report.

21. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, to settle an augmentation of 30*l.* on Sam. Banford, minister of Alban's, Wood Street. Approved 18 July.

24. The report from the Trade Committee on the petition of Free Merchants trading to Holland read.

25. Order, at request of the Swedish Ambassador, confirming that of 17 June, for discharge of the estate in Scotland of William Lord Cranston, all sequestrations to be discharged and he suffered to take possession, but to be liable to the former debts and incumbrances chargeable thereon. All deeds and personalty yet undisposed of to be returned to him, and the trustees for excepted estates in Scotland to conform hereto. Approved in person.

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28. Approval of an Order of the Trustees for Ministers of 12 October 1654, on a late order from the Commissioners for propagating the gospel in Wales of 16 March 1652–3, granting to Adam Hawkins, successor of the late Step. Love at Haverfordwest, 24*l.* from Brody tithes, 35*l.* from Murthey prebend, 16*l.* 5*s.* from Llanunda tithes, co. Pembroke. Approved in person.

29. Approval, on certificate from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of July 3, of the uniting the parishes of Langum, Rosemarket, and Fresthorp, co. Pembroke. Approved in person.

30. Like approval, on certificate of July 1 1656, for the uniting of Tenby and Gumfreston, co. Pembroke. Approved in person.

31. Approval of an augmentation of 20*l.* a-year to the minister of Mitten Chapel, Kidderminster, co. Worcester, on certificate of the said trustees. Approved in person.

32. Approval on certificate of an augmentation of 30*l* a-year to the minister of Andrew's, in Worcester city, as but 6*l.* belongs to that place; and the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers recommended to increase the augmentation to make up 50*l.* a-year. Approved in person.

33. To recommend the said Trustees to settle an augmentation of 50*l.* on the minister of Bromsgrove, co. Worcester, being a great market town and the means small. Approved in person.

34. Also to increase by 10*l.* the augmentation of 10*l.* granted to the minister of Wooverly, co. Worcester. Approved in person.

35. Also to settle an augmentation of 30*l.* on the minister of Ombersley, co. Worcester. Approved in person.

36. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners that, according to order of 29 May, ⅔ of the 6 months' provisions for 400 men for the fleet of forces in Jamaica are prepared, and directions given for shipping thereof to Capt. Alderne, who has shipped them on 4 of the appointed vessels, and will put on board the remainder as soon as the vessels are ready;—that all the provisions be consigned to be delivered to the commander-in chief at Jamaica, and that the Admiralty Commissioners give orders accordingly. Approved in person.

37. To advise the renewal of the commission for discovering and examining fraudulent debentures to Robt. Shapcot, Col. Thos. Gorges, Robt. Pelham, and Thos. Creswell, and Rowland Hunt.

40. Order on petition of the honest and well-affected of the parish of Stoke Prior, co. Worcester, for Rich. Dowly, their minister,—showing that the value of the vicarage being very small, the Committee for Plundered Ministers settled on him an augmentation of 40*l.* a-year out of the impropriation of Stoke Prior, sequestered for the delinquency of Ralph Brabazon, who compounded, when the augmentation was taken away;—that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers settle an augmentation of 40*l.* on him, and take order for its payment, the former order of restraint notwithstanding. Approved in person.

41. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners—that, considering the present state of the Navy stores as to timber for building and repairing ships, it would be well to make the

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experiment of building frigates in the Forest of Dean from timber there, which would cost less than to build them in the Thames, on account of the abundance of timber and iron there—that the Admiralty Commissioners take order for the building of 2 fifth-rate frigates at the most convenient place near the forest. Approved in person.

42. Order on learning that Thos. Babington, Thos. Crumgrave, 2 officers attending the Trustees for sale of the late King's lands at Worcester House, have not observed the orders of the Committee of Council for removing obstructions about discovery of fraudulent debentures, but instead thereof resigned their places, that they might have the better colour for such their contempt—that the serjeant-at-arms have warrant to take them into custody. Approved in person. [*See warrant*, *I.* 114, *p.* 9.]

43. The Committee of Council for removing obstructions about discovery of fraudulent debentures to prepare the draft of an order requiring the trustees at Worcester House, Drury House, &c., to appoint a fit person to attend the Commissioners for discovery thereof, for their inspection of all books, debentures, and papers relating to lands exposed for sale by virtue of any Act of Parliament, and for taking copies thereof, and for keeping and disposing of the premises, as may best secure them from embezzlement and damage; with direction to the said trustees to observe all directions the Committee shall send. Approved in person.

44. The same Committee to receive from the Commissioners for general discoveries all obstructions to that service, and give directions for removing them, and to communicate any difficulty to Council, that further orders may be given. Approved in person.

45. Approval by the Protector of 4 orders, 22 May to 8 July.

46. The petition of Eliz. Pery, of Jersey, read. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 233–243.]

July 10. Order and Declaration for continuing the Army Committee. Whereas according to the 27th Article of the Government, his Highness and Council, in their order and declaration for an assessment of 60,000*l.* a-month for 6 months, from 24 June 1656 to 25 December 1656, which was published May 29, enjoined the respective collectors thereof to observe such orders therein as should be given them by the Treasury or Army Committee, the persons appointed to be the Army Committee in 28 Jan. 1653–4 are to be continued, and to execute the said order and declaration, and have the same control over the direction of the assessments and all other army money coming in before December 25, and receive obedience from all the collectors, &c. Read, agreed to, approved in person, and passed. [*I.* 77, *pp*, 241, 910.]

July 10. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Col. Rowland Dawkins, Deputy Major-General for co. Glamorgan. Hearing that people from several parts frequently assemble unlawfully at Caerfilly, co. Glamorgan, under colour of holding a market and fair, though without authority, and that many disorders are committed at these meetings, Council desires you to learn their nature, and improve your care to suppress them, and to prevent the disorders occasioned thereby, that public peace may not be disturbed. [*I.* 77, *p.* 920.]

July 10. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Trustees for settling the estates of excepted persons in Scotland. His Highness and Council having discharged the estate of Lord Cranston in Scotland from confiscation and passed an order accordingly, desire you to do your part in executing it. [*I.* 77. *p.* 921.]

July 11. Council. Day's Proceedings (at his Highness's lodgings).

1. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners that they hear of several quantities of saltpetre lately brought to England from the East Indies, and of endeavours for its export on former orders obtained from Council—that the Customs' Commissioners be enjoined not to accept any entries for the said commodity, or to suffer it to be exported.

2. Approval by the Protector of an order of 8 July. [*I.* 77, *p.* 243.]

July $\frac{11}{21}$. Paris. **32.** T. Ross to Sec. Nicholas. I had not yours till Sunday, because we had no letters till the Duke and the Princesses returned to town. The enclosed is from *my wife,* who wrote it from *Weston's* mouth, sealed it in his presence, and was strictly enjoined secresy, so that I do not know the contents. I think it is about the *Levellers. Weston* wanted her to stay in town about it, but for want of money, she is obliged to live with my mother at Richmond, and only goes once a week; but if *the King* thinks she should repair to this side for instructions, she will do so. *Weston* is anxious to know that you have the letter safe.

I am certain that *Armorer* had the letters from *the King* to *Hopton. Hopton* is troubled with *Armorer's* intrigues, and wishes to keep his business in your hands. He and *Pile* will send a fuller cypher.

I look daily for the express. I hear it is to be *Mason,* a very worthy person, and most knowing in your affairs. I have with me Col. Thornhill's son, a hopeful young man, ordered by his father to do any service the King may command. The father is only prisoner in his own house, and being frequently visited by gentlemen, can solicit for money, &c.

I have received from Sir Spencer Compton a letter of Lord Gerard to *the Earl of Strafford's* brother-in-law, and I am going into Poictou to deliver it and fetch him thence, to be ready to obey our master's commands. I shall be absent 10 days, but your letters will be forwarded.

Before *Adm. Blake* went his last voyage, he complained to *Col. Thornhill* of *Cromwell's* usage of him, joining him in commission with a worthless fellow, so that he expects no good of his voyage. *Thornhill* and *Dr. Cole* should be requested to probe *Blake.*

Extreme want of money has created a Parliament for September.

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There are few sad faces among the French at the Spanish victory. It is believed the English recruits offered here under Donell, &c., will not be accepted. [2 *pp.*; *the italics are cyphers decyphered.*]

July 12. Approval by the Protector of 15 orders, 26 June to 10 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 243–4.]

July $\frac{13}{23}$. Paris. **33.** G. Georges to Williamson. I know not why your letters are old. I send them as soon as possible. I will pay your bill of exchange when due. [*French*, 1 *page.*]

July 15. **34.** Petition of the Marquis of Argyle to the Protector. In 1644 having, by God's blessing, raised an army in Scotland to assist the Parliament in England, at the desire of the Commissioners of Parliament, I came into England with the army, as President of the Committee appointed by the Committee of Estates in Scotland, to dispose of the army, but in 2 months I was ordered back to quell an insurrection in the north of Scotland.

The same year a party of Irish landing in Argyleshire, and joining with Scotch malignants, murdered many of my friends, kindred, and tenants, and destroyed and burnt my estate, so that for many years I received no rents. The Parliament of Scotland thereupon ordered me 15,000*l.* sterling for subsistence, and 30,000*l.* for relief of the shire, but of this I only received 10,000*l.*

The Parliament of England accepted the Parliament of Scotland's assignment of the whole sum, and by an Act of 17 June 1648, declared themselves debtors to me for the remainder. Being ready at all times to venture all for the interest of the 3 nations, I laid out large sums therefor, both in England and Scotland, for many of which I am still bound, besides other engagements to the public for 12,000*l.*, for payment of which the Parliament of Scotland assigned me, by an Act of 6 March 1649, ½ the excise of wines and strong waters till paid.

In 1638, during all the troubles in Scotland, I never received a penny as a committee-man, nor as president of the Committee that came with the army to England in 1644, nor as commander-in-chief in Scotland, nor as colonel in England and Ireland, except 100*l.*, nor did I take free quarter wherever I served.

I beg that these Acts and Ordinances may be made effectual, and that I may not sink under the burdens undertaken in the honest cause, having observed the articles made with Gen. Deane, and confirmed by you, wherein my debts were assured to me. With reference thereon to Council, 24 April 1656. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

34. I. *Ordinances of the Parliament of Scotland alluded to, granting the Marquis* 15,000*l. for himself, for his last* 4 *years' rents, and* 30,000*l. for the sufferers by the rebels in the sheriffdom of Argyle.* 1 *January* 1647. [1¾ *pages.*]

34. II. *Order of the Parliament of England for the payment of* 35,000*l., the balance due to the Marquis, with interest at* 8 *per cent.* 17 *June* 1648. [1⅔ *pages.*]

34. III. *Note of the grant of* $\frac{1}{2}$ *the excise of wines and strong waters granted him. March* 1649. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

July 15. Reference thereon by Council to the Committee for Scottish affairs, to report. [*I.* 77., *p.* 244.]

July 15. **35.** Petition of Col. Fras. Hacker to the Protector, for an augmentation of 40*l.* or 50*l.* to St. John Burrowes, minister of Houlton, co. Leicester. He has been there 20 years, and the benefice of 60*l.* a year is small for him and 12 children. With reference thereon to Council, signed by the Protector. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

35. I. *Col. Hacker to Capt. Hubbert. The Protector has renewed his promise to me for* 40*l. to Mr. Burrowes, and has appointed Mr. Malyn to see it effected. Pray wait on him, and do not let the business be neglected. It should be done by petition.* 12 *March* 1655–6. [3 *pages.*]

July 15. Order thereon that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers settle 40*l.* a year more on Burrowes, and order its payment, the order of restraint notwithstanding. Approved 18 July. [*I.* 77, *p.* 245.]

July 15. **36.** Petition of Joshua de Carteret, gentleman of Jersey, to the Protector. I married the eldest daughter of John and Jane le Febvre and ought, by the customs of the isle, to succeed to their estate on their death, and deliver the co-heirs their lawful shares. John Dumaresq and Josh. Benest, in right of their wives, the younger daughters, have seized the deeds and evidences, and part of the goods and inheritance, and yet sued me for their shares, which I could not deliver without the deeds, &c., yet the Court of the island condemned me, and I thereon appealed to you last September. I beg reference of the case to those who are knowing in the laws and customs of the island, and restoration of the evidences, goods, &c. With reference thereon, 10 June 1656, to Col. Guibon, governor, Mich. and Jaques Lempriere, Phil. le Geyt, John Poindexter, and Lawrence Hamtoune, to compare the differences or certify. [1 *page.*]

July 15. Reference in Council of this Petition, that of Geo. Dumaresque, of Jersey, concerning his appeal from a judgment in the Court of Jersey, at Philip Piton's suit, other appeals by the inhabitants of the island now depending before Council, and such as shall be made hereafter to his Highness and Council, to Whitelock and Widdrington, Treasury Commissioners, the Lord Chief Baron, Mr. Recorder, John Sadler, and Nath. Bacon, Masters of Requests, to proceed in appeals from Jersey as was ordered 2 Oct. last concerning appeals from Guernsey. [*I.* 77, *p.* 247.]

July 15. **37.** Draft of an order requested, viz., that as, on order of 1 July, the 1000*l.* imposed on the Earl of Devonshire has been paid to the Treasurers at War, and the Commissioners for securing peace, his estate be freed from all further proceedings on the orders to the Majors General and the Commissioners for the peace, and he restored to its absolute enjoyment, free from further decimation, and that this order be enrolled under the Great Seal in Chancery. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

July 15. Reference thereon to the Lord Deputy, Wolsley, Lambert, and Strickland, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 247.]

July 15. **38.** Petition of Fras. Conygrave and Thos. Babington to Council, for a hearing, that they may be restored to liberty. Are committed to answer objections, but are poor men, and unable to undergo so great a charge, and believe that on full hearing, they can prove that they have done nothing to incur displeasure. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

July 15. Order thereon that the serjeant-at-arms release them, on security to appear before Council and the Committee for removing Obstructions in the discovery of fraudulent debentures, when required. [*I.* 77, *p.* 248.]

July 15. **39.** Petition of Martin Noel, Capt. Thos. Alderne, and other merchants of London to Council. We bought at Jamaica, with the proceeds of goods sent thither, the Dutch prize Strong Rowland, taken at Barbadoes, consigned her to Virginia, and there freighted her for Holland. She has now arrived at Dover, but not being yet condemned, we fear lest, if she went to Holland, she would be seized by the Dutch. We therefore beg your order to the Commissioners for Customs to permit us to transfer her lading of tobacco into another vessel, without paying custom, or any hindrance. [1 *page.*]

July 15. Order thereon granting the petition. [*I.* 77, *p.* 249.]

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2. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to add 33*l.* a year to the augmentation granted to Mr. Troughton, minister of Martin's parish, New Sarum. Approved 18 July.

3. A certificate from Maj.-Gen. Goffe and one from the Commissioners for co. Berks, on behalf of Chris. Newstead, minister of Maidenhead, referred to Mr. Lockier, Bunkley, and Oxenbridge, to report whether he should have liberty to exercise his ministry.

4. The petition of Owen Rowe referred to the Committee on Irish affairs, to report.

6. Approval of augmentations by the Trustees for Ministers, *viz.* :—

	£
Wantage, Berks - - - -	20
Dorking, Surrey - - - -	20
Billing, Lancaster - - - -	10
Nun Monkton, York - - -	50
Moston, ,, - - -	20
Clare, Suffolk - - - -	20

Approved by the Protector 18 July.

7. Approval of the continuance to Wm. Wilson, minister of Billinghurst, Surrey, of the augmentation of 50*l.* allowed to Nath. Hilton, late minister, deceased.

11. The Master of the capital Office in the Court of Upper Bench being ordered to appear at the justice seat to be held for the Forest of Dean on 26 August, with the records of the last justice seat for the Forest held in 1634, John Keeling of Southill, co. Bedford,

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in whose hands some of the said records remain, is to deliver them to the master of the said office, to be brought to the justice seat.

13. The pension payable at the Exchequer to Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne to be paid gratis, whereof the several officers are to take notice.

14. Sydenham, Lambert, Jones, and Pickering to consider the list of pensions charged on the Exchequer, and which should be paid gratis, and report their opinion.

16. The petition of Nath. Jones referred to Lambert, Strickland, and Jones, to report.

19. The case of Lawrence Washington, of Garsden, co. Wilts, referred to the Maj.-General and Commissioners of the county, to settle according to justice at their general meeting. Approved 18 July.

22. **40.** Order on the petition of Mary, widow of Capt. Wm. Spearing [*See* 16 *May* 1656], allowing her 189*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*,—being the sum requested, viz., 90*l.*, with 8 per cent. interest—by doubling on Dean and Chapter lands. Approved by his Highness's reference.

24. The report from the Treasury Commissioners, with the accounts of John Serle, of Buckerell, co. Devon, referred to Sydenham, Desborow, Jones, Lambert, and Pickering, to report.

26. Order on an account of the cost of 100 steel spades, 1,000 shovels, 864 other spades, 500 pickaxes, and 600 ballast baskets, part of a greater number of each provided by Martin Noel by order of 24 June, being all that could be procured suddenly and shipped on board the Cullein, with the charge of shipping the same, amounting in all to 212*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.*, which was certified as just by the Navy Commissioners, to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners for payment.

27. The report of the Treasury Commissioners on the petition of Dame Mary, relict of Sir Thos. Jermyn, and of Robert and Elizabeth, their children, referred to Sydenham, Wolsley, Jones, and Lisle, to report.

28. Approval of a warrant offered by Lord Lambert, for the captain of the Grantham to receive Lieut.-Col. Edw. Tyssen and 10 others, and Chris. Doyton, with wife and 2 children, to be transported to Jamaica.

29. The Earl of Sussex's petition, referred by the Protector to Council, with the paper annexed and reasons why he should have the benefit of his Highness's declaration, and be exempted from decimation, referred to the Maj.-General and Commissioners of co. York, to decide upon at their general meeting. Approved 18 July.

30. Desborow, Sydenham, and Jones to hear what Ed. Cresset has to offer concerning the Committee for Discoveries.

His Highness present.

32, 33. Order—on report from the Treasury Commissioners on an order of 12 Oct. last, to consider of setting forth lands of 150*l.* a year out of some estate forfeited by the late rebellion in the West, to be granted for 99 years to Elizabeth, widow of Maj.-Gen. James Hayne, and her children, and on survey of the lands of Thos.

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Mompesson in co. Wilts, with the value thereof annexed, 164*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*, of which particulars are given—that counsel learned prepare a lease of the premises according to the former order, reserving to her 150*l.* a year for 99 years. Approved in person.

35. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 100*l.* on 2 ministers of Lyme Regis, Norfolk, out of the impropriation of the said town, the order of restraint notwithstanding. Approved 18 July.

36. The petition of Fras. Wayte referred to Jones, Wolsley, Strickland, Lord Deputy, and Pickering, to report.

37. As much of the 50,000*l.* as is now returned from Portugal to be paid into the Exchequer Approved in person.

38. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners out of the said money to pay Rich. Hutchinson 30,000*l.* on account, to buy hemp, pitch, tar, and other naval stores. Approved in person.

39. The debate on the letter from Mr. Meadows, agent in Portugal, presented by Mr. Secretary, to be taken up next Thursday.

40, 41. In consideration of the maim received by Phil. Meadows in execution of his duty, lands of 100*l.* a year, above all reprises, to be settled on him by lease for 99 years, and Sydenham, Jones, Lambert, Desborow, and Strickland to consider how this may be most effectually done. Approved in person.

42. Order on report from the Committee on the petition of the mayor, aldermen, and common council of Lynn Regis, co. Norfolk,—that they have considered several charters granted them in 6 John, 16 and 29 Hen. VIII., 4 and 5 Phil. and Mary, and 2 James, whereby they are incorporated, their government constituted, and several privileges granted, the substance whereof is specified in the report; and also the additions prayed, and that they advise his Highness to renew the charter, with this variation, that the power of imprisoning for not obeying by-laws be restrained, and the corporation left to lay reasonable fines, not exceeding 40*l.*, for such offences, to be levied by distress or otherwise. Also with these additions; that if there occur cause to remove the mayor, the corporation have power to elect another, as in the case of death; and that the power of summoning parties concerned in Admiralty causes within the limits mentioned in James' charter, and compelling obedience thereto, may extend to the maritime towns adjacent to these limits. Concerning the additions prayed, they advise that the corporation be empowered to erect any trade, mystery, or manufacture within the corporation by a common public stock, to be managed by the mayor and burgesses, and the benefit thereof devoted to the poor. Also that during pleasure his Highness annex thereto the hamlets of West and North Lynn—that the report be agreed with, and his Highness advised to order the Attorney-General to prepare a grant accordingly.

His Highness withdrew.

43. The case of the purchasers of the estate of the Marquis of Winchester, as concerning the decimation of the estate sold by the trustees of Drury House, referred to the Maj.-General and Commissioners of cos. Dorset, Devon, Wilts, and Cornwall, to decide at their general meeting. Approved 18 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 244–253.]

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July 15. Queen's College. **41.** T. Lamplugh to Williamson. Your journey to Italy being resolved on, you will receive orders from Sir Fras. Norris and Mr. Whorwood; the latter wishes for Rome. We have elected a tabitor; 7 men named canvassed. Clem. Ellis is now master. No Act this year, and so we have no Act supper; he is to give 3*l*. to the library. No election of fellows. T. Cartwright is settled in London and married. Rawlins wants a fellowship, but will not be elected unless he force himself upon us. Private affairs. [1 *page*.]

July 16. Chatham. **42.** Commissioner Peter Pett to the Admiralty Commissioners. What I offered to you about a supplement to the chest at Chatham will prove of very great value; those who speak least mention 500*l*. a year, but I hope Mr. Alline, of Margate, near Rochester, will state the fact, he knowing most about it, and the Maj.-General has lately conferred with him.

I am sorry the Seal is passed, yet hope that when his Highness is informed of the value, and the convenience for the chest, and that Sir John Hawkins' hospital, which now maintains 10 aged seamen, is built upon that land (and I fear some of the chest land at Chatham lately let, and at least 600*l*. in houses built upon it), he may see just cause of granting that revenue for the advantage of so many poor wounded seamen, many of whom perish for want of means to buy bread.

As the new 2nd rate ship will be ready to launch on Saturday week, I want a warrant to the Navy Commissioners, and a name for the ship, unless some of you Commissioners intend to be present. The new ketch will be ready in 14 days, and the Reserve has gone to the Hope. Copley, gunner of the Triumph, asks the gunner's place in the new ship. With P.S. by Capt. John Taylor, confirming Pett's opinion touching the chest. [1 *page*.]

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July 17. **44.** Petition of the inhabitants of Wells and Cuthbert's parish to the Protector. In the city, borough, and parish are 5,000 souls, and 20 villages and hamlets, and but one parish church, which cannot hold the people. Public worship is performed in the cathedral, to which many resort with benefit, but it is much in decay in the covering, windows, and other parts, and if not soon repaired, will be ruined, and many pious people are disposed to contribute to the repairs. We therefore beg your order to continue the cathedral to us. With reference thereon to Council, 15 July 1656. [1 *page*.]

July 17. **45.** Order thereon that they be allowed the use of the said cathedral, they setting and keeping it in good repair. Approved, 22 Jan. [1 *page; also* I. 77, *pp*. 255, 271.]

July 17. **46.** Petition of Edw. Davies, merchant, to the Protector. In Dec. 1653, I petitioned the late Commissioners for Ireland for redress; my ship, impressed to carry Irish horses to Spain, being

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seized and sold by the Spaniards, to the loss of 2,500*l.*, and the master imprisoned. [*See petition of John Shaw,* 21 *March* 1654.] The Commissioners wrote you that some expedient should be found for my relief: you referred the case to Council, who wrote to the Spanish ambassador, but he has done nothing. I cannot address the court of Spain, on account of the late breach.

I beg, considering my sufferings and long attendance, for speedy relief out of the forfeited lands in Ireland within your dominions, or I and my family must perish. With reference thereon, 14 May 1656, to the Lord Deputy and Committee of Council for Ireland. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

46. I. *The Commissioners for Ireland to the Council of State. Letter referred to in favour of Davis. Dublin* 23 *Dec.* 1653. [*Copy* ¾ *page.*]

July 17. Order thereon in Council to recommend to the Lord Deputy and Council in Ireland to grant him 1,000 acres of land at a fit rent, in compensation of his losses of 3,000*l.*, or to give him some employment of like value. Approved 1 Aug. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 259, 308.] *Annexing,*

47. *Report on which the above order is founded.* [½ *page.*]

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1. Sydenham, Lambert, Strickland, Jones, Wolsley, and Lisle, to consider an allowance now moved for the other persons that are of the Army Committee beside Col. Clerke and Jas. Phillips, and to report.

2. The petition of John Covert of Slaugham, co. Sussex, for exemption from decimation and discharge from proceedings, with a certificate from the County Commissioners, referred to the Maj.-General and Commissioners of co. Sussex, to give judgment at their next meeting. Approved 18 July.

3. Approval of augmentations granted by the Trustees for Ministers, viz.:—

	£
Fishborne, Sussex - - - -	20
Stephen's, Norwich, Norfolk - -	20
Burton Stather, Leicester - - -	15
Duckenfield, Chester, besides 40*l.* already settled - - -	20
Dunwich, Suffolk - - - -	30
New Buckenham, Norfolk - -	30
Hanckhurst, Kent - - - -	10
Pepper-harrow, Surrey - - -	10

Approved by the Protector, 18 July.

5, 6. The instructions for the Committee to examine the miscarriages of the Trustees for sale of delinquents' lands read, and agreed to, and Peter Brereton, Edm. Wingate, Rich. Sydenham, Ralph Hall, Rice Vaughan, and Geo. Johnson, ordered to put them in execution. Approved 1 Aug.

7. Order on the address of John Gorges, John Mills, Thos. Gorges, and Capt. Burges, on behalf of John Deane, prisoner in Salisbury, for

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his release on security allowed by the Maj.-General for co. Wilts, and in such sums as he shall appoint, that Deane shall render himself prisoner again when required, and meantime shall do nothing prejudicial to the public peace. Approved 25 Aug.

11. Order that—whereas on the 15th May last, 300*l.* a year each was voted to Col. John Clerk, chairman, and Jas. Phillips, member of the Army Committee, with arrears, but the Treasurers at War have not paid Phillips, saying they have no money in hand for army contingencies, but only for the army in general, and the contingent charges thereof, and also the arrear is not determined in the said order—that the said salary be allowed them from 24 June 1654, and paid out of any moneys appointed for the army, and paid regularly in future. Approved 18 July.

12. The 9 companies of foot in Berwick, Carlisle, Tynemouth Castle, and Holy Island, to be made into one regiment, and paid according to the present establishment; the pay of the governors of Carlisle and Berwick to be reduced, and converted to the pay of the Lieut.-Colonel and Major of the regiment, *viz.*, Lieut.-Col. Meyres and Maj. Tolhurst; and as there will be an additional charge for the pay of the Colonel, also 2*s.* 6*d.* a day for a surgeon's mate, and 6*d.* for fire and candles for the guard, such 20 soldiers are to be abated out of the regiment as the Colonel shall choose. The Army Committee and War Treasurers to take notice of this, and letters to be written to those concerned; but it is not to be construed to the prejudice of the established pay to the governor of Tynemouth Castle. Approved 18 July.

13. To advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners for payment of 200*l.* on 2 bills of exchange of 100*l.* each, from Phil. Meadows, agent in Portugal.

14. Jones, Sydenham, Lambert, Fiennes, and Strickland, to consider how best to exchange the Spanish money lately brought from Portugal, and to give orders accordingly.

16. Sydenham and Jones to speak with Phil. Tandy, registrar-accountant at Drury House, about executing his office concerning moneys now to be paid into the Treasury there.

18. Order—on an order of 10 April 1656, that in case Rachel Bisson's nominee should discover to the Treasury Commissioners a personal estate belonging to himself of 4,000*l.* value, and should pay in ¼ value of the estate, his Highness would order payment of 500*l.* to Bisson, in discharge for that sum which she was ordered last Feb. 5 to have out of discoveries, towards reparation of her late husband's losses, but she has not benefited by the said last order—that the said order be discharged, and 500*l.* paid her out of any discoveries she shall make and bring to effect before the Commissioners, who are to receive such, and order payment of the 500*l.* [*I.* 77, *pp.* 255–259.]

July 17. Victualling Office.

48. Capt. Thos. Alderne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I lately sent an account of what remains owing for provisions for the winter and summer service, as also of the harbour issues. I now send an account of what has been granted me by imprest, and of what will be further required. All that has been assigned to me is 114,500*l.*; the State ordered victuals for 25,000 men for 6 months. which, at 8*d.* a day each man, amounts to 140,000*l.* The 10,000 men's beef and pork for Gen. Blake's fleet, amounts to 6,000*l.*, and the petty warrant to 20,000*l.* more, whereof above 18,000*l.* has been paid; all put together amounts to 166,000*l.* What has been and is yet to be received by imprest being only 114,500*l.*, there will remain 51,500*l.* unsatisfied; to meet that, I entreat a warrant to the Navy Commissioners to make out bills weekly for 4,000*l.* for 12 weeks from 30 Aug. when the last imprest ends. I also beg such a further sum weekly during my absence as the weekly receipts will justify; I have not yet received the ⅙ of what has come into the Treasury for the use of the navy, although promised at least ¼.

I will send the accounts of provisions at the ports, and hope you will give directions for taking off those at Plymouth and Kinsale, the stores being very full. [1 *page.*]

July 17. **49.** Order in the Admiralty Committee for the Navy Commissioners, to make out bills of imprest to Capt. Thos. Alderne for 2,500*l.* weekly, for 8 weeks, from the determination of the last order. [½ *page.*]

July 17. **50.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I am sorry your goods were damaged. We have had scarely any rain here, and it is prayed for. The 4th volume [of the Bible] advances apace. The bookseller can have what he likes in exchange, and the rest in ready money at 6 months, as we deal at Paris, Lyons, and Rouen. Private affairs. Mr. Lamplugh has given his living to Mr. Wetherel. There is to be a general election 20 Aug., and Parliament 17 Sept. [1⅓ *page.*]

[July 18.] **51.** Petition of Phil Tandy, registrar-accountant for sale of delinquents' lands, to Council, for an order for payment of a salary of 50*l.* quarterly from the next money at Drury House, all money being now to be paid into the Exchequer, and he obliged to divers trusts for one only salary. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

51. I., II., *Letters from Tandy to Jessop to favour his petition, being almost obliged to pawn his clothes for bread; and to Scobell, to remind Lord Strickland of it, who promises to present it and labour for it. April* 1656. [2 *papers.*]

July 18. **52.** Report thereon by Col. Wm. Sydenham that the Drury House Trustees should pay him the salary due as accountant there. [⅔ *page.*]

July 18. Order thereon in Council accordingly. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 260.]

July 18. **53.** Petition of John Sanderson and 3 others, on behalf of the hackney coachmen of London, Westminster, &c., to the Protector. We have spent most of our lives as coachmen, and are unfit for anything else, but as we fought for Parliament, the disaffected rulers of the fellowship have unjustly suppressed us, and admitted for money cavaliers who are not coachman, traders, and others who are not admitted by the Court of Aldermen, to our ruin. We beg speedy relief, and leave to labour for our living. With reference thereon, 26 June, to the Privy Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

53. I. *Certificate by W. Wheeler and* 7 *other justices of peace of Westminster, that several overseers of hackney coachmen have violated his Highness's Ordinances by dismissing honest and well-affected coachmen, and daily troubling them, to their utter ruin.* [1 *page.*]

53. II. *Petition of the overseers of the fellowship of hackney coachmen to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen. We have tried to reduce the supernumeraries who have set up since his Highness's Ordinances and the by-laws of our court, those who were left of the list of* 250, *and also those who have since been dismissed for neglect, disobedience, and contempt, and who impede our hopes of obedience and uniformity. We have also punished transgressors who cause great trouble and clamour. If there were vacancies enough, and they would be conformable to government, we would admit them, but as there are many ancient coachmen still excluded, or only allowed one pair of horses, and some soldiers who are recommended by the Army Committee, we beg a request to his Highness and Council for a greater number of coaches and horses. Read* 15 *July* 1656. [1 *page.*]

July 18. Reference in Council of the petition of Sanderson, and others, to the Committee for Petitions, with a report of Lord Chief Baron Steele and Ald. Ireton, to be considered forthwith. [*I.* 77, *p.* 261.]

July 18. **54.** Petition of David Thomas, late receiver-general of the monthly assessment, co. Radnor, to the Protector. During my receivership, I sent the Treasurer of War 182*l.* by Hugh Stevens, a drover, who embezzled 22*l.*, and to defraud the State, mortgaged his lands, and then sold them to Roger Stevens, his brother, and left the country. As I was pressed by the quartering of soldiers on me, I paid the 22*l.*, and, applying to the county Commissioners of Assessments, obtained their order for distraining the goods of Thos. Rushell and John Dalow, mortgagees of the lands, and tenants of Roger Stevens, and regained the 22*l.*; but Rushell and Dalow have preferred a bill in common law against me, and gained the hearing of the trial to be in Shropshire, their own county, where the jury will be their neighbours, and under their influence. I beg stay of this trial, and a reference of the case to the Maj.-General and county Commissioners. [1 *page.*]

July 18. Order thereon for a letter to Maj.-Gen. Berry, to call the parties before him, compose the difference if he can, and if not, to certify the facts. With letter accordingly, 22 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 262, 922.]

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July 18. **55.** Petition of John Harvy, gentleman, to Privy Council, for a pass to Holland, with 2 English horses [from Gravesend], on paying duty, he desiring to travel. [1 *page.*]

July 18. Order for a licence accordingly, on his petition, and Col. Jones' motion. With the pass and licence required. [*I.* 77, *p.* 264; *I.* 114, *p.* 13.]

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3. Order—on report from the Committee on arrears of service in Jamaica that 81*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* was due to Thos. Gage, chaplain to Gen. Venables, who died there; that 3 months' pay and order for a month more has been granted to his widow, but that 44*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* still remains due—for payment to Mary Gage of the said sum by Fras. Hodges, treasurer for Jamaica.

4. To recommend the Committee at Ely House to settle a pension of 6*s.* 8*d.* a week on Mary, widow of Thos. Gage, who died in the State's service in the last expedition to Jamaica. Approved in person.

5. The report from the Jamaica Committee to be considered on Thursday.

6. The petition of Eliz. Corbet, widow, offered to that Committee, to report.

7. Hodges, the treasurer, to advance a month's pay on account to Clement, wife of Hen. Hilyard. Approved in person.

8. Jones and Strickland to view the plate and jewels, lately part of the state of Wm. Toomes, and now at James's House, and to have them brought to Whitehall and secured there, and an estimate of their value made.

9. Order that 200*l.* be paid to Dorothy, widow of Maj.-Gen. Chas. Worsley, out of the proceeds of the plate, jewels, &c., late Wm. Toomes' at James's, that a 99 years' lease of lands, value 100*l.* a year, be granted for her and her children, and that Pickering, Jones, Strickland, and Thurloe consider how they had best be granted, and on perusal of Worsley's will, how the lands and money may be best disposed of, for her and her children. Approved in person.

10. To advise a commission to Col. Tobias Bridges to be Maj.-General and Commander-in-chief in cos. Chester, Lancaster, and Stafford, in place of Maj.-Gen. Worsley, deceased. Approved in person.

11. Order—on report from the Commissioners for removing obstructions concerning a discovery of fraud in debentures, that they sent for Wm. Potter, who was reigistrar of debentures on the Act for sale of the late King's lands, and he sent an excuse for not coming, whereby the service is likely to receive injury—that Potter be sent for to attend Council forthwith.

12, 13, 15. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle augmentations of 40*l.* on the minister of Turners Puddle, co. Dorset, 40*l.* on John Manning, minister of Sipton and Peasonhall, co. Suffolk, and 40*l.* on the minister of Buckingham, the late order of restraint notwithstanding. Approved in person.

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14. The warrant approved last Tuesday for persons named to be sent on board the Grantham, bound for Jamaica, to be directed to the commander of the provision ship, bound for Jamaica.

17. In the draft of the order and declaration for the next 6 months' assessments, the moneys payable for the latter 3 months, from 25 March to 24 June are to be paid next Nov., and the Committee to prepare and bring in a declaration to that effect next Tuesday.

18. Order on report from the Admiralty Judges of 4 June, on petition of Dan. Thyssen, merchant of London—concerning the Golden Falcon seized by our ships on her way from Malaga to Middleburg, and part of her lading claimed by him, concerning which some question is yet depending in the Admiralty Court—that the Admiralty Judges proceed in the case according to law. Approved in person. *Annexing,*

56. *Report alluded to, that the Golden Falcon would have been freed and not subject to reprisals, were it not for the breaking out of the differences with Spain, but that the claimer had resided in England, and had a visible interest for his removal, which immediately preceded the breach. Doctors' Commons. 4 June* 1656. [1 *page.*]

19. Order—on petition of Capt. Chas. Glapthorne and a report from Sydenham and the other referees for stating demands of pay for service in Jamaica, that he served as lieutenant to Capt. Corbett's company in Col. Buller's regiment from 15 Jan. 1654–5 to 30 April 1655, for which his pay amounted to 21*l.*, of which he has received, by his wife 16*l.* 16*s.*, and 4*l.* 4*s.* remains due, and that he had a commission as captain in a regiment of foot raised by Capt. Holdip at St. Christopher's, which seems to have been reduced on or before 23 July 1655, and for which there was neither establishment nor muster—that Fras. Hodges pay 10*l.* to the petitioner, and allow him to return to Jamaica in some ship bound thither passage free, for which the Admiralty Commissioners are to take order. Approved in person.

20. Order—on report from Mr. Bowes, Fillingham, and Sydenham on a general reference on the Jamaica petitions, in the case of Edw. Beswick, that he, being in the State's service in Jamaica, was taken prisoner by the Spaniards; that not knowing when he was taken, they cannot tell how long term he served, but if in regard of his deplorable and meritorious condition, his whole arrears of pay be allowed him as drummer to Capt. Davis in Col. Fortescue's regiment, without defalcation for clothes or provisions, it will be 24*l.* 12*l.* 4*d.* above the 3 months' pay already allowed him—that Hodges pay it him. Approved in person.

25. Capt. Whetstone of the Phœnix to deliver the 51 chests of money in his hands aboard such Custom House boats as shall be appointed, and attend it himself, with the guard appointed by the lieutenant of the Tower, to the Tower, and deliver it into such room as the lieutenant shall order, and give the key thereof to Mr. Maynard and take his receipt for the same. Approved in person.

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26. The like order to Capt. Robt. Clay, of the Sapphire frigate, for 28 chests and 10 bags. Approved in person.

27. The Customs' Commissioners to send to the Phœnix and Sapphire their 2 best boats, with the appointed guard, to bring the above money to the Tower. Approved in person.

28. Sir John Berkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, to assign a convenient room there to store the above money, the key thereof to be given to Mr. Maynard, and to appoint a guard to convey it thither. Approved in person.

31. The Admiralty Commissioners to instruct the several captains of our ships, on their seizing and bringing into port vessels belonging to any state at peace with us, to give their reasons for so doing, which reasons are to be reported to Council. Approved in person.

32. Approval by the Protector of 19 orders, 10 ——, 17 July. [*I.* 77, *p.* 260–265.]

July 19. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Lord President and Council in Scotland. His Highness and Council having discharged Lord Cranston's estate in Scotland from confiscation and passed the enclosed order thereon, wish it to be communicated to you, that you may do your part in the execution thereof. [*I.* 77, *p.* 921.]

July 22. **57.** Petition of Trustees for sale of estates forfeited for treason to the Protector. Sir John Stowell has presented a scandalous petition charging us with high crimes in the disposal of his estates, which you have referred to the Treasury Commissioners. Like accusations have been given in by others of slender reputation, to our great damage. We beg you to take good security of Sir John, either to prove his allegations or make reparation, and to refer any other such charge to counsel, to report our integrity or guilt, the accusers giving good security for reparation if they fail to prove their charge. With reference thereon to the Privy Council, suspending all former references, 18 July 1656. [1 *sheet.*]

July 22. Whitehall. **58.** Reference thereon by Council to Pickering, Strickland, Lisle, Jones, and Sydenham. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page, I.* 77, *p.* 268.]

July 22. **59.** Petition of Gilbert Keate and the owners of the Marmaduke to the Protector and Council. Having often petitioned for satisfaction for our ship and freight, value 6,000*l.* [*See* 17 *Aug.*, 1654 *supra*], we got an order 25 Aug. 1655 for payment of 2,078*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* on selling the ship to the State. This money is a great part of our estates, and we are all ready to seal the bill of sale on receipt thereof; we therefore beg a special warrant to the Navy Treasurer for speedy payment. [1 *page.*]

July 22. Order thereon that the Admiralty Commissioners cause the said order to be executed. [*I.* 77, *p.* 269.]

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1. As by an order of 1 Feb. last, a Committee was to consider how an augmentation of 100*l.* a year should be settled on John Wigan, minister in Manchester, the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers are to settle the said augmentation on him, the order of restraint notwithstanding.

2. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle the following augmentations on

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John Stalham, Tarling, Essex	36
John Sands, Coggeshall	50
James Willis, Brantree	50
Pastor of Malden	50
Mr. Asly, Stratford, co. Suffolk	50
Mr. Taylor, Bury, „	—
Mr. Gouge, Ipswich, „	50

Approved by the Protector in person. [*See p.* 38, *infra.*]

5. Order on petition of Ant. Fernandez Caravajal, merchant and free denizen of England,—complaining that last December, he having freighted the Irish Merchant, an English ship, from London to the Canaries, where 53 pipes of Canary and 677 West India hides were put aboard for his account, brought back in the ship to London, entered in the Custom House, and Customs paid, but the same were seized in port by Rich. Webb, on letters of marque—that the Admiralty Judge consider his petition and that of Webb and his partners, merchants of London, and order the release of the ship and the goods, being perishable, and their restoration to Caravajal, on his security to abide by the decisions of the Court therein. Approved in person.

6. Approval of a certificate from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, that the 40*l.* settled on Mr. Smith by the Commissioners for Propagation of the Gospel in Wales from the rectories of Llangors and Talgarth, co. Brecon, for service as schoolmaster at Llangors, be continued to him, though he has removed to the Hay, a market town, standing in greater need of a schoolmaster than Llangors. Approved in person.

8. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Lady Mary Darcy, wife of Thos. Offley, ⅛ of the proceeds from the sale of 11 bars of silver in the hands of John Frederick, Sheriff of London, and Frederick 50*l.*, in satisfaction of orders of 18 Dec. and 17 June last.

12. Council to meet to morrow morning.

14. Order—on information that Israel and Thos. Cave, and Robt. Massey, were committed to the gaol for co. Lincoln, and to obtain their liberty, entered into recognizances to appear at the next assizes, and that on examination of their case, they being discharged, conceived themselves discharged from appearing, but for their not doing, processes were issued out of the Exchequer to distrain them and their sureties,—to advise the pardon of the said recognizances gratis.

17. To authorize the high sheriff for co. Surrey to deliver such

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prisoners in gaol there as were reprieved or discharged on trial at the last assizes, to the Maj.-General of the county, to dispose of them according to his instructions. Approved in person.

18. Lord Henry Cromwell to cause the Irish prisoners taken at sea and brought in to Kinsale to be tried as rebels, according to the laws of Ireland. Approved in person.

21. The Spaniards found aboard 3 Dutch ships, brought into the Downs but discharged, to be kept prisoners, and the Admiralty Commissioners to take order to secure them, and dispose of them and all other Spanish prisoners, according to their quality, in exchange for such of this nation as are prisoners in Spain. Approved in person.

22. Mr. Potter to have the keeping of all books and papers of the office of registrar of debentures at Worcester House, and attend from 8 to 12 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m., that the Commissioners for fraudulent debentures may have free access to them, to examine them and take copies. Approved in person.

23. Approval by the Protector of an order of 17 July.

25. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 3,000*l.* for warrants charged on Council's contingencies, and for salaries of clerks, messengers, &c. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 270–272.]

July 22. Order for the issuing of the present 6 months' assessment, beginning 24 June 1656.

As the forces are in present need of money, and part of the assessment must be disposed of to the forces in the counties wherein it is raised, and therefore cannot first be sent in to Guildhall, the Army Committee are empowered to order the assignment of the assessment as seems best for payment of the forces, and the Receivers General of counties are to obey such orders, warrants, &c. The Receivers General for the assessment to take from the Receivers General for counties all warrants for moneys they have so paid, and give them acquittance for the sums paid, as if they had been paid in cash.

All moneys which the Receivers General of the assessment receive, or acquittances which they give as above, shall remain in the hands of the War Treasurers, towards satisfaction of the 360,000*l.* appointed to be paid out of the Exchequer by warrant, under Privy Seal of 15 July 1656, till the whole 360,000*l.* be satisfied.

John Blackwell, junior, and Rich. Deane, War Treasurers, shall, on their acknowledgment of receipt of all, or any part of the assessment, as Treasurers of War, receive discharge as Receivers General of the whole, by way of tally, or other usual way, and these tallies and discharges shall be received by the Exchequer officers, auditors, &c., as acquittance, any orders to the contrary notwithstanding. Read, agreed to, and approved in person. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 911–12.]

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July 22. **60.** John Keyling to Mr. Scobell. According to your order, I am attending at the door to answer Council about the records of the Forest of Dean, and beg to be called in. With note that all the records about that forest were delivered by Keyling's father to Mr. Ryley, by order of a Commitee for sale of forest lands. [1 *page.*]

[July 22.] **61–63.** Answer by Wm. Ryley, keeper of the Tower records, to a demand for the records of the Forest of Dean.

I am bound by oath not to permit any records to go into other hands, but if required I will carry them down to the justice seat to be held in the Forest, and will assist in that affair with the knowledge obtained by 25 years' experience of the method of justice seats, where I have constantly attended with records, or I would serve as assistant to the clerk of the Iter, under the Chief Justice in England.

I want an order from him, or from the Protector and Council, to carry down and have the sole management of the records; also an imprest to buy 3 horses for myself, my man, and the records, or an order to Frost to pay me 50*l.* on account of my salary, which I shall spend on this service if I may be reimbursed. [3 *copies, with slight differences, one endorsed with note that his Highness gave a warrant,* 21 *Aug.* 1656.]

July 22. **64.** Wm. Grove, [*Dick Pile,*] to [T. Ross]. I have seen yours to your sister of July 19, but am a stranger to what you say about *Blake. Sir Philip Musgrave* was so free with me that I think he would have told me had he delivered anything from *Armorer* to *Hopton.* By the last post I received this from *Cooper* (*or Shannon*), which much comforts me, for I hope the difference between *the King* and *the King of Spain* is fully concluded on; but the second part makes me wonder, when I compare it with what *you* said in your letter to me. I am so disordered by it that unless *Sec. Nicholas* sends immediately to me [for on the hint about *Armorer* I caused my partners strictly to enjoin me not to receive anything for us but what he sends], I shall quit this place, and attend my own business, which is so neglected that an execution is laid on my estate.

Here is sad news from the King of Sweden. Warsaw is taken by the Poles, and all in it put to the sword — the soldiers were 6,000—but the Straits' fleet have sent prize into the Downs 4 Dutch ships heavily laden, beside 40,000*l.* in Spanish coin, which must be bound for Flanders, though they say not. Send me 3 pairs of tweezers. [1 *page; the italics are cyphers undecyphered.*]

July 23. **65.** Petition of Capt. Greg. Butler to the Protector, for an order to the Navy Treasurer for his pay, and a commission to empower such privateers as offer to serve against the Spaniard. Was diligent in the last West India expedition, and spent 400*l.* in promoting it, and since his return home, has always been ready to forward the service. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

65. I. *Capt. Greg. Butler to Sec. Thurloe. I want a commission for Capt. James and myself to surpise Spanish ships and* *goods. As I have to fit out a ship, I want my money, which will all be employed in the service. If his Highness has any service for me in the Indies, I shall be ready in 8 days, if I have my pay timely.* 10 *July* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

July 23. Order thereon in Council for payment to him of 500*l.* for his arrears in the West Indian expedition, *viz.*, 200*l.* from the Exchequer, and 300*l.* from moneys to be received in the Caribbee Islands. Approved 23 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 273, 275.]

July 23. **66.** Petition of Isabella, wife of Hen. Clarke, of Enford, co. Wilts, to the Protector, for relief. My husband was suspected of being in the late insurrection, indicted, and acquitted at Chard, but has since lain prisoner 16 months, and his estate sequestrated by the Major General. I petitioned you and you referred me to Council, and I have long attended, but their weighty affairs prevented any order for my relief. With reference thereon to Council, signed by the Protector, 21 July 1656. [1 *sheet.*]

July 23. Note of its being read in Council. [*I.* 77, *p.* 274. *See* 1 *July p.* 2, *supra.*]

[July 23.] **67, 68.** Petition of Mary, widow of Sir Thos. Wortley, of London, to the Protector. Elizabeth, Countess-Dowager of Devonshire, in consideration of my marriage in 1613 to her son, the late Sir Thos. Wortley, settled on me and our heirs male Whitton Manor and other lands, co. Lincoln, with reversions to Charles and Henry Wilmot and their heirs male, but all have died without male issue. On suggestion that Hen. Wilmot is Henry, Lord Wilmot, a delinquent whose estate was forfeited in 1651, the Treason Trustees have surveyed the lands in order to their sale. I know not how I may be prejudiced by my husband's default in not obtaining an allowance of his claim in due time before the Commissioners for removing Obstructions, but having no other satisfaction for a large estate I brought in marriage, I beg an Order to them to transmit their allowance to the Trustees named in the Act of Parliament of 16 July 1651, that so my estate may not be sold. With reference thereon to the said Commissioners to certify, 13 June 1656. [2 *copies.*]

[July 23.] **69, 70.** Like petition to the Protector. The Commissioners for removing Obstructions, by reason of the many causes depending before them, had not time last term to examine my case, and have now adjourned. I beg an order to the Trustees for sale of forfeited lands not to sell these till you are rightly informed as to my title. With reference, 12 July 1656, to Privy Council. [2 *copies.*]

July 23. Note of the reading in Council of both petitions, but no reference thereon. [*I.* 77, *p.* 275.]

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2. Order—on petition of Averen, widow of Rich. Key, late of Holne, co. Devon, that in 1640, her husband's whole estate, with

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100*l.* a year, was seized on by virtue of a pretended sequestration, and in 1649, the rents and profits thereof received for the State's use; that no examination or deposition was ever taken against him, yet his whole estate was taken, and having 5 small children to maintain, and being much in debt, he was not able to appeal, but to prevent ruin, petitioned his Highness, who, on July 27, 1654, referred the case to the Commissioners for Delinquents' Estates, who discharged the sequestration; and that the profits of the estate were received from 1649 by Moses Tosier and 6 others, but the petitioner can only find that 129*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* thereof was paid into the Public Treasury, so that the said parties must have kept the rest for their own use—that Sir John Copplestone, Maj. Blackmore, Capt. Fox, Maj. Pearce, and Rich. Lee, examine the matter, and report.

3. In the order of 22 May last, on behalf of Anne Mansell, these words, "or any other forfeiture thereof," to be inserted next to "notwithstanding the said outlawry."

4. The papers concerning Guernsey to be considered to-morrow, and M. de la Marsh and Mr. Haviland to attend.

5. The report from the Committee on the business of an Order and Declaration for an assessment of 60,000*l.* a month, from 25 Dec. 1656, read, and agreed to. Approved 24 July.

6. Order—on report from the Committee thereon, of several particulars read—that the 1,000*l.* for Jamaica, appointed to be carried to the West Indies, be delivered to the Navy Treasurer, to have it sent on board the Grantham, and assigned to Col. Brayne, commander-in-chief. Approved 23 July.

7. To advise an Order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the 1,000*l.* to Rich. Hutchinson.

9, 10. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Grantham to convoy to Plymouth the ship ordered to transport 120 soldiers to Jamaica, and there appoint her another convoy, beyond the Soundings; also to order the Grantham to go from Plymouth to Port Patrick, to take in Col. Brayne, and to observe his orders. Approved 23 July.

13. Forty pikes and 80 firelocks to be delivered out of the stores to Lieut.-Col. Tyssen, for the 120 men going to Jamaica, and the Admiralty Commissioners to give warrant to the Ordnance officers accordingly. Approved 23 July.

15. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers at the Tower to deliver to Lieut. Sir John Barkstead 20 barrels of powder, with match and bullet proportionable, for the guards and regiments in and about London, to be by him issued to them according to Lord Lambert's instruction. Approved 30 July.

21. Col. Tobias Bridges, Maj.-General of cos. Lancaster, Chester, and Stafford, appointed a Commissioner for securing the peace in the said counties.

22. The officers of the respective regiments to be required to advance 14 days' pay to such soldiers of their respective regiments as shall offer to go to Jamaica under Lieut.-Col. Tyssen; and at the

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end of the 14 days, to recruit their respective companies with the like number.

23. Approval by the Protector of 5 orders of this day.

24. Order—on report from the Committee on the petitions of John Winchcombe and Jane Ensor, widow, that in 1640, Sir Greg. Norton, trustee for Winchcombe, demised the site of the Manor of Weston, near Bath, co. Somerset, for 16 years from 1641, at 400*l.* a year, to Thos. Wild, since deceased, and John Chapman, Arthur Shurstow entering into a statute of 3,000*l.* for performance of covenants. That in 1645, this site, with a farm at Lansdowne, worth 120*l.* a year, and 450*l.* arrears, was sequestrated for Winchcombe's recusancy, when Chapman, on pretence of his being a delinquent, obtained a grant of the premises at 200*l.* a year. That Winchcombe being cleared from delinquency before the Sequestration Committee, they ordered the Commissioners of co. Somerset to allow him ⅓ of his estate. This was not done, on pretence that he might be sequestrated in co. Berks, and that he removed from Newbury to Wales, when the late King was likely to lose Newbury, and the Sequestration Committee being dissolved, he lost the fruits of his appeal. That he then petitioned the Protector, and it was shewn that undue means had been used to bring him in a delinquent, and also in reference to his estate, which was valuable, and yet little had accrued to the State. Also that Jane Ensor lost her husband in the service:—that ⅓ of the clear value of Winchcombe's estate brought into the Exchequer be paid him, and the other ⅔ sequestrated for recusancy leased to him at a fair rate, and 200*l.* therefrom paid to Jane Ensor. The Treasury Commissioners to see this executed, examining into the frauds, levying the arrears, and paying them as ordered. Approved 1 Aug. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 272–6.]

July 23. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Lord Broghill and the Council in Scotland. By a former order of his Highness and Council, you were desired in May last to give order that certain goods received in Scotland by Mr. Hawkins from Capt. Read and Col. Cobett, and delivered by your order to the Sequestration Commissioners, should be sent up to Mr. Kinnersley for his Highness's service, *viz.*, 19 pieces of tapestry, 7 carpets, and some bedding, for which there is special occasion for the public service. Council desires your lordships to have them sent up at once. [*I.* 77, *p.* 922.]

July 23. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Rob. Lillburne, Maj.-General of co. York. At desire of some friends of Walter Strickland, who is ordered to depart beyond seas, that more time may be allowed him to enable him to make provision for his subsistence there, Council recommends you to allow his stay in England till April next, on his former security. [*I.* 77, *p.* 923.]

July 23. Order and Declaration for an assessment of 60,000*l.* a month for 6 months, from 25 Dec. 1656. The first 3 months' to be paid in advance before 10 Nov. next, and the last 3 months' before 10 Feb.

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next. The former County Commissioners re-appointed, and receivers Blackwell and Deane to be Receivers General. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 912–917.]

July 23. / Aug. 2. / Paris. **71.** C. George to Williamson. I send you a letter of change, of the value of that which you sent me. [1 *page, French.*]

July 24. **72.** Petition of Wm. Stroud, Rich. Bigg, and the inhabitants of Ruscombe, co. Berks, to the Protector. We have in vain petitioned the Commissioners for Augmentations for a more competent allowance for our minister, he having but 23*l.* a year from the tithes of Hurst and Ruscombe, worth 260*l.*, so that Wm. Manning, our late godly and painful minister, has left us, and we are utterly destitute. We understand the gift is now in you, so we beg you to present us a minister, and grant us an augmentation. [1 *page.*]

July 24. Order thereon in Council, that the Trustees for Ministers settle 40*l.* a year on the minister of Ruscombe, the former restraint notwithstanding. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 282.]

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1, 2. Order—on report from the Committee on the Portugal money that Mr. Maynard delivered by weight to the Master of the Mint the money brought from Portugal—that Henry Sharpe receive it from the said master, and when coined, bag and count it, and keep an exact account of the share, and pay it out according to orders. Approved 24 July.

3–6. Order—on a proposal to the said Committee from Ed. Backwell, concerning part of the money from Portugal, to have all the Mexico coin (which is the worst money) for the same price which the Mint officers report it will make in the Mint, and to have a warrant to export it custom free, in consideration whereof he offers, *viz.*,—

i. To deliver the same quantity of bullion in bars and foreign specie melted into the Mint, in the time they shall appoint, to be coined.

ii. To make present payment for what Mexico coin he shall receive.

iii. To give 20*l.* on every 1,000*l.* more than what the Mint officers report the same will make, which will make 666*l.* on the $\frac{2}{3}$ that may be shipped out—

that 20,000*l.* worth of the Mexico coin (that sum to be made up with Seville coin, if there is not so much Mexico) be delivered to Ed. Backwell on the terms proposed; and that he have licence to export it custom free. Approved 24 July, with the license 1 Aug. [*I.* 77, *p.* 307; *I.* 114, *p.* 20.]

7. Dr. Aaron Gurdon, Master of the Mint, to deliver the 20,000*l.* aforesaid to Ed. Backwell according to directions from the said Committee. With the warrant 5 Aug. [*I.* 77, *p.* 307; *I.* 114, *p.* 22.]

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8. The petition of Robt. Middlemore, of King's Norton, co. Worcester, and several certificates, referred to the Major General and Commissioners for the county at their general meeting. Approved 1 Aug.

10. Order—on report from the Committee for petitions on that of several clerks and others attending the late Committees of Parliament, *viz.*: Wm. Freeman, Geo. Vyne, Wm. Lishman, and Rich. Vyne, and also their bills of expenses disbursed in the Committee's service, amounting to 4*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*—that Frost pay them out of Council's contingencies.

11. Stay to be made of passing the new commission for discovery and examination of fraudulent debentures, and the former commission to continue.

12, 13. According to an order of yesterday, Council considered the papers delivered to Mr. Haviland and Mr. de la Marsh, as deputies of Guernsey, and they and Col. Bingham being called in, the papers were read in their presence. They withdrawing were recalled, and on being asked their power to present the proposals, produced an instrument under the seal of the island, signed by the then bailiff and other inhabitants, appointing them their agents, which, with a letter from the Deputy Governor certifying that the said proposals were disowned at a general meeting, were read.

14. The former Committee to prepare a letter to the inhabitants of Guernsey according to the purport of to-day's debate. Approved in person.

15. Nothing to be received from Haviland and De la Marsh, as persons entrusted by the inhabitants of Guernsey. Approved in person.

16. The augmentation of 36*l.* recommended to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers last Tuesday for Mr. Stalham, minister of Tarling, Essex, to be increased to 50*l.*

17. In last Tuesday's order recommending the same Trustees to settle an augmentation of 100*l.* on John Wigan, minister of Manchester, it is to be inserted that his arrears be paid from 25 Dec. 1654.

18. Order—on report from the Commissioners on the petition of John Allin, minister of Rye, Sussex [*See* 1 *Feb.* 1656], certifying that the vicarage is very small and only worth 40*l.* a year, and that Allin, being presented, is charged with 42*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* first fruits, and 4*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* yearly tenths—to recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle 30*l.* more on him. Approved 1 Aug. *Annexing,*

73. *Report alluded to, advising an augmentation on certificate from the mayor of Rye.* [½ *page.*]

21. Council to meet at 3 p.m.

22. Order—on a letter from the Admiralty Commissioners of 22 July that the last seal for money for the Navy is almost expired, and there is present need for supply, in order that no interruption may occur in the receipt or account for the moneys assigned by the Great Seal out of the Customs and Excise for carrying on Navy

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affairs, they certifying that the pressing occasions of the fleet now require 300,000*l.* ;—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Hutchinson the 300,000*l.*

23. Council stops the granting of augmentations for 3 weeks or a month.

24. Pickering, Jones, Sydenham, Strickland, Fiennes, and Rous to consider the rules for settling augmentations according to the present debate, and of a better way for more speedy and easy payment of such when granted, and to report.

25–27. Order on a report from the Treasury Commissioners on the order of 1 May last—that they have treated with the purchasers of Lord Craven's 10 coppices in Whichwood Forest, and that the Trustees for sale of his lands have given them particulars annexed of other parts of his lands which may be conveyed in lieu thereof, which the purchasers agree to take at the rates mentioned, and to pay in 57*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*, the excess of price beyond what they paid for the coppices, though they beg allowance of it for the charges of their purchase—that the Trustees for lands forfeited for treason contract with Robt. Price and Robt. Blackford for the said particulars ; that the purchasers convey the 10 coppices to his Highness, when the bills they delivered in upon the purchase will be restored to them, to be applied in purchase of the premises offered in exchange, the conveyance of which is to be perfected, and that the 57*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* be allowed them in recompense of their charges. Approved in person. *Annexing,*

74, 75. I. *Certificate on which the said order is founded.* [*Original and copy.*]

75. I. *Particulars by the said Trustees of the lands offered in exchange.* [1 *page.*]

29. The charges of the Prize Goods' Commissioners about the 3 Dutch ships ordered to be discharged to be allowed. Approved in person.

30. Order—on a report from the Jamaica Committee—that Fras. Hodges pay the wives or assignees of 7 officers named sums named varying from 9*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* to 31*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.* Approved in person.

31. The Admiralty Commissioners to take care for admitting to pensions in the Savoy or Ely House such widows of officers and soldiers sent to Jamaica as shall be certified by Mr. Bowes, Mr. Hodges, and the other Jamaica Commissioners to be necessitous, and such others as the Admiralty Commissioners shall think fit. Approved in person.

34. The order and declaration for the next 6 months' assessment to be printed and published. Approved in person.

36. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of Thos. Jenner, considering his poverty, and that of the others concerned in the vessel mentioned, that Capt. Leverett be required to make restitution to the petitioner and company of as many of the said goods in the annexed list *in specie* as yet remain undisposed of, and

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the value in money of those disposed of according to the rates in the list, with the 18*l.* for composition for half the vessel, amounting to 184*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*; with the list of goods annexed.

37. The term to 50 years granted to Jas. Morley 4 April last in lands in Ireland, late the estate of Cuthbert Morley, extended to 99 years, as there is a lease already for 50 years, so that the former grant would be frustrated. The Treasury Commissioners to make the grant at a small rent. Approved 1 Aug.

38. The business of Major Walters and the petition of Lord Valentia to be considered on Tuesday.

39. The bail ordered on the petition of Ant. Fernandes Caravajal referred to the Admiralty Judges, or either of them.

40. In order to make effectual the order of 25 April 1656 on behalf of Capt. John Hunt and Edw. Bottiford, the Treasury Commissioners are to inquire from the Commissioners for Accounts, &c., what part of the 3,000*l.* is due to the State and concealed in the hands of Peter Evans, and cause what is due to be levied and brought into the Exchequer, and to certify what is brought in, that warrants may be issued for payment of 600*l.* to Hunt and the sums due to Bottiford. Approved 1 Aug.

41. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 26 June and 24 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 277–286.]

July 24. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Council in Scotland. Council, on considering Col. David Barclay's petition [*See* 10 *June* 1656,] wishes you to examine the case, and what sums have been paid for redemption of any of the Earl-Marshal's lands, and whether the debts were contracted before 18 April 1648, and to certify; meanwhile as much of the estate is to be reserved from sale as will pay Barclay, and he is to hold what is now in his possession. [*I.* 77, *p.* 284.]

July 24. The Speaker. **76.** Thos. Pointer to the Navy Commissioners. We have received certain intelligence of some execution done at Malaga by 6 of our frigates, who fired several of the enemy's ships, and after giving the town several broadsides, which the forts returned, the captain of the Fox went on shore, and finding one of the forts deserted, the men having run when the frigates poured their broadsides, he spiked the guns and came off again. The Lyme has lost 11 men, the Newbury 2 and some wounded, and the rest not considerable. The Lyme has gone to Alicant to look for a richly laden galleon, which they understand by some Dutch ships lies there. [1 *page.*]

July 24. **77.** Brome Whorwood, sen., to Williamson. Sir F. Norris and I both wish our sons to see Italy. Consider how to place such moneys as with moderate frugality will be needful, and to what place they must be consigned. You should leave France in October, returning in March. Send me an answer speedily, that I may provide for you and those of whose welfare I have a care. [1 *page.*]

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Commissioner Fiennes in the chair at the passing of the first order.

2. Lea, now in custody of the guard, to be committed to Newgate.

3. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 17 July.

4. Lambert and Strickland to bring the Swedish Ambassador to audience this afternoon.

5. Two drums and 3 halberds to be delivered to Col. Tyssen for the forces going to Jamaica, from the Ordnance office stores. Approved in person.

July 25. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Maj.-Gen. Rob. Lilburne, Sir Wm. Strickland, Col. Bright, Maj. Elton, and Capt. Northend. Council hearing that a disaffected person was lately chosen alderman for Hull, desire you to learn the proceedings on his election, the quality and affection of the person elected, and certify. [*I.* 77, *p.* 909.]

July 25. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Governor of Kingston-upon-Hull and the mayor. His Highness and Council, on information received, fear that the peace and safety of the garrison and town of Hull may be endangered by Mr. Cann's residence, and therefore desire you to order him to remove forthwith out of the town, or you will cause him to be removed. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 923.]

July 25. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Henry Ogle and Rob. Fenwick. Council—hearing that in the election of a town clerk for Berwick last January several malignants voted against the well-affected of the town, and that Step. Jackson encouraged the undue election, although told that some of the electors had been in arms and some in command under the late King; and that he used unbecoming language concerning his Highness, saying "malignants shall vote, and it was but incurring his Highness's displeasure,"—desire you to examine this matter the first opportunity, and certify the facts to Council. [*I.* 77, *p.* 923–4.]

July 25. **78.** J. White, priest of the oratory of Jesus, to Williamson, Saumur. I cannot reciprocate your great courtesy; it would require a golden pen to do justice to your learning and eloquence, but I should like to translate your discourses in this place. [1 *page. French.*]

July 26. Excise Office, London. **79.** Excise Commissioners to Council. On your order to give our judgments about farming the excise of beer and ale in London and Westminster, we offer—

1. That such farms are more disliked by the people than the impost itself, because they think that what they pay a tax collector is for the public good, but the other is for his private benefit.
2. It will greatly disgust brewers, innholders, victuallers, alehouse keepers, &c., a numerous company, for the brewers are incorporated and a wealthy body, but rough and surly, and the notion of private interests would disturb this considerable weekly revenue, and the quiet of the cities.

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3. The receipts quietly collected increase so rapidly that they will soon reach a larger sum than that propounded, for remedies are being applied to indirect practices. We are now guaging their tuns and vessels, which they have enlarged to elude excise.

4. Judicative and executive power is vested in the grand Court, and cannot be delegated, so that all complaints made by the farmer and his officers must come before us. Many brought by other farmers are frivolous and impertinent, and the complaints of these farmers would be daily, as the brewers are a contentious and froward people, so that our time would be taken up, and our other work hindered. If we do not comply with the farmer's complaints he may withhold his rent, as we have had a late experience, and it would take 6 or 8 months to recover it. We suggest—

1. Whether it will be well to divert a growing revenue of 12 years' settlement into a form of levy liable to so many hazards and ill consequences.

2. Whether the present advance of 10,000*l.* a year will countervail the loss in case the farmer relinquishes the farm, and we have to resettle the excise into its former course. Signed, John Ireton, Thos. Aleyn, Wm. Puckle, Nath. Manton. [1⅔ *pages.*]

July 29. **80.** Petition of Hum. Holden, messenger, to Council. On 13 Dec. 1655, you committed Cornet Day to my custody, and he has been with me 29 weeks at 20*s.* a week, besides 2*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.* for billets and faggots, and his wife is often with him, which I cannot refuse, having no orders to the contrary. I beg that I may be allowed his charges, or he be disposed of otherwise. [1 *page.*]

July 29. Order thereon for a warrant to Frost to pay the 31*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.* asked, and the Committee for prisoners is to consider of Day's disposal, and report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 289.]

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2. The Committee on the petition of the Trustees at Drury House to meet and hasten their report.

5. The report concerning the Earl of Berkshire to be taken up next Thursday.

6. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners that—though by an order of 1 July they are required to issue their warrants to the Navy Treasurer to pay Thos. Warren 1,000*l.*, as part of 5,000*l.* borrowed 21 October 1652, from money received for the Algiers duty for redemption of captives, yet the money being borrowed for the Navy's use long before these Commissioners were entrusted with managing these affairs, and the receipts of the customs and excise being by letters patent under the Great Seal appropriated to the present affairs of the Navy, they cannot give warrant for paying the 1,000*l.* to Warren out of that money, and beg direction for its payment some other way—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the 1,000*l.* out of the moneys returned from

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Portugal, beside the 30,000*l.* appropriated to the Navy Treasurer for providing Navy stores.

7. Order on report from the Committee on the petition of Chris. Copley—that 955*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* is due to him for horses, arms, and furniture for a troop raised in 1642, and for recruits to the same; and he claims 251*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.* for quantities of iron and bullets delivered for use of the Parliamentary forces, and that by an Ordinance of Parliament of 10 Oct. 1648 for stating the accounts of the Northern forces, several debentures were given to several officers who assigned their interest to the petitioner, amounting to 613*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.*, besides 22*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* due to Quartermaster Michell, on accounts stated by the Assessment Commissioners for co. York, which is also assigned to him, making in all 1,843*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*, which they think should be allowed him out of any discoveries he shall make—that for the 1,843*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* due, 1,500*l.* be paid him out of half such discoveries as he shall make of concealed estates, &c. Approved 1 Aug.

8. The report concerning Lord Barnwell to be considered next Thursday.

9. The Admiralty Commissioners to issue warrants to the Ordnance officers to deliver to Col. Chris. Keynell, out of the Tower stores, 10 barrels of powder, with shot proportionable, for service of the Isle of Antigua. Approved 30 July.

11. A report from the Treasury Commissioners on Council's reference on the petition of Wm. Bosseville and Capt. Nich. Sanderson referred to Lambert, Strickland, and Skippon, to return their opinion at the next sitting of Council.

12. Order on report from Wm. Bosseville and Rich. Sydenham, on a reference of 1 July, on the petition of John Parker, about his contract for Greenwich Park, not fully executed, in respect of non-payment of the latter ½ of the purchase money—that his disbursements in rebuilding the lodge were 228*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*, and he deposited 1,700*l.* at Worcester House, beside what is due to him for timber which John Embree, surveyor, found on the place, value 71*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*, total 1,999*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.* He also claims the remaining materials of the castle, yet unvalued. His receipts are 778*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*, leaving balance due to him 1,221*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.*, and his accounts are deposed to before a Master in Chancery. Also Uriah Babington received 22*l.* for firewood and rent of an orchard, the other particulars in Babington's account being disposed of according to his Highness's warrants—that the 1,221*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* due be repaid him out of his deposit at Worcester House of 1,700*l.*, and the balance paid into the Exchequer; this order to be a sufficient warrant and discharge to the persons concerned. Approved 1 Aug. *Annexing,*

81. *Report from Bosseville and Sydenham alluded to, giving minuter details of the accounts.* [1 *page.*]

81. i. *Certificate by John Dethick and Thos. Andrews to Parker's deposit of* 1,700*l.* *purchase money in* 1653, *which still remains in their hands.* 25 *Feb.* 1655–6. [⅔ *page.*]

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81. II. *Accounts of Parker for rebuilding Greenwich Lodge, deposed to* 30 *Oct.* 1655. [1 *sheet.*]

81. III. *Certificate by John Embree of the value of the timber sold from the park to Sir Gilb. Pickering,* 71*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* [½ *page.*]

81. IV. *Certificate by Uriah Babington of his receipts from sale of timber in the park.* [1 *page.*]

81. V. *Warrants from the Protector to Babington, keeper of Greenwich house and park, to deliver to Gilbert Dawson the deer* [*being* 79] *and the bark in his custody.* 27 *Feb. and* 21 *March* 1653–4. [¾ *page.*]

13. The petition of Ed. Carter, John Jennyns, Wilkes Fitchett, Wm. Freeman, and James Tovey, referred by his Highness to Council, with the proposals annexed concerning the preservation of timber and conveniency of brick buildings, referred to the Trade Committee, to report.

14. The 4,000*l.* which on 1 July the Earl of Devonshire was ordered to pay to the Treasurers at War for discharge of his estate from sequestration, to be paid to the Exchequer instead, and the receipt of the Treasury Commissioners to be effective for his discharge. Approved 30 July.

15, 16. From the said 4,000*l.*, 1,000*l.* to be paid for the militia forces in Maj. Haynes', and 1,000*l.* for those in Maj.-Gen. Boteler's, association, and the Treasury Commissioners to issue it out accordingly. Approved 1 Aug.

17. Order on 2 papers of 12 and 13 July, from English prisoners at Ostend, one signed Thos. Wells, Robt. Harrison, and Roger Headley—about their sad condition of restraint, while prisoners taken here frequently get home in the Dunkirk and Calais packet boats—that the Admiralty Commissioners take speedy means for their relief, by exchange or otherwise.

18. Whereas in 1643 the arrears of the late King's rents in the 4 Northern counties were appointed to be paid to Major Thos. Rooksby, since dead, for the Northern brigade, then under Lord Lambert, and whereas part of these arrears is discovered to be in the hands of Sir Hen. Vane:—Order that Rooksby's son be appointed treasurer for the money, and that Lord Lambert be empowered, with advice of the officers of his own and Maj.-Gen. Lilburne's regiments of horse, to give warrants to the said treasurer to pay the monies due to the officers and soldiers of those regiments for their horses slain in the service in Scotland, the other regiments having received their portions. Approved 1 Aug.

20. The Lord President having withdrawn, on question put by Lord Lambert, he was requested to sit to morrow morning. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 288–294.]

July 29. **82.** Order in the Committee on hackney coachmen that Wm. Norwell, Wm. Hockley, and Wm. Deacon, governors, attend on Thursday, also the present governors, and Wm. Taylor, Wm. Tuke, Thos. Brankar, Rich. Edwards, and John Grisle [or Grisould ?]. [⅔ *page.*]

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[July 29.] **83.** Notes of examinations on the points which the petitioners are to prove, *viz.*:—

1. That the present governors are disaffected.
2. That they have unjustly suppressed the petitioners.
3. That they have not admitted others.
4. That they have admitted Cavaliers.
5. That they have allowed some of other callings.
6. That they have allowed persons who are not admitted to work coaches.

The persons examined are Thos. Jackson, John Saunderson, Rich. Smith, Alex. Lindridge, and Thos. Warden, who complain of fines, forced bonds not to keep coach and horses, unless admitted, &c.

Other witnesses and Sir John Barkstead summoned for Thursday. [2 *pages.*]

July 30. Approval by the Protector of 4 orders, July 23 and 29, presented by Mr. Jessop. [*I.* 77, *p.* 294.]

July 30. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Lord President and Council in Scotland. His Highness and Council, on consideration of Capt. Henry Ogle's faithful service to this Commonwealth, ordered on 21 Nov. last the Council in Scotland to set out of the forfeited lands in Scotland lands of inheritance of the yearly value of 100*l.* to him and his heirs and to cause him to be put in possession thereof, and report the particulars of the lands, that a grant might be passed.

Since your answer of 20 Feb. last, enclosing a letter from the Trustees for Forfeited Estates saying that the debts charged on estates, and the provisions for wives and children, can hardly be discharged as it is, without any further orders for setting out land, Council have heard that there is a probability of satisfying that order out of forfeited estates, and being anxious for Ogle's order to be made good, desires you to consult how lands of inheritance of that value may be made over to him accordingly, and report particulars; but if this course prove impossible, to consider how to satisfy him out of other lands. [*I.* 77, *p.* 924–5.]

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2. The petition of Thos. Leigh, of Hampstall Ridware, co. Stafford, for exemption from decimation, with a certificate from the Major General and Commissioners of the county, referred to the same, to settle his case. Approved 1 Aug.

3. The additional instruction reported by Lambert from the Committee on Scotch Affairs to be given to the Council in Scotland, concerning public preachers there, read and agreed to.

5, 6. The petition of Anne and Kath. Tregonwell, of Abscourt, co. Dorset, for discharge from decimation, referred to the Major General and Commissioners, to decide on. Also a like petition of John Jeffry, of Folke, co. Dorset. Approved 1 Aug.

7. To prepare an instruction for the Majors General in their respective counties, that where $\frac{1}{5}$ has been allowed to wives and children of sequestered ministers, and is detained, they shall cause it to be paid, unless they find just cause to the contrary.

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8. Order—on a certificate from Unton Croke, justice of assize in co. Surrey, on a trial in an action brought by Rich. Dumbrell, against John Parsons and 3 others—that the clerk of assize be required to return the *postea* on the trial to Council, and to summon the jury to attend Council. Approved 1 Aug. *Annexing,*

84. *Report alluded to, that Dumbrell accused these persons of seducing his wife Jane to go from him, and carry away his goods, and remain away 3 weeks, to his damage of 100l.; that they plead not guilty, because the woman only left with her own apparel, to go to be baptized by Parsons, differing in judgment from her husband. That the jury ought to have found for the defendant, there being no assault, but found for the plaintiff, and assessed damages 20s.* [1 *page.*]

12. Order—on report from the Treasury Commissioners on the petition of the Earl of Berkshire, and a certificate of Peter Brereton concerning the grant of the post fines claimed by him—that Council, finding the post fines are, and have been for many years, paid into the Exchequer, do not think fit to make any alteration therein.

13. Order on report from the Treasury Commissioners on the petition of Rich. Earl of Cork, and his Lady, that Council, finding the matter depended long before Parliament, leaves it to the petitioners to apply there.

14. Order on a paper from the Commissioners for discovery of fraudulent debentures, that Phil Tandy be required to deliver the key of the room where the bills and debentures in custody of the registrar's accountant are kept to Robt. Petty, who is to attend the Commissioners with such papers and books as they shall send for; and if Tandy refuse to deliver the key, then the Commissioners shall, in presence of Tandy and sufficient witnesses, have the door broken open, and a new lock put on, that none of the papers may be meddled with.

15. The report from the Committee on the petition of the Trustees for sale of forfeited estates referred to Pet. Brereton, Edm. Wingate, Rich. Sydenham, Ralph Hall, Rice Vaughan, and Geo. Johnson, to receive information concerning reprizes allowed by the Trustees without order from the Committee for removing Obstructions, to hear the Trustees, examine the whole matter, send for any records of sale of lands, and make a certificate thereof to Council, within 14 days.

16. Embree and Kinnersley, who were appointed to see how the rooms at Worcester House are disposed of, to appoint there a convenient room for the said referees to sit in.

19. Order on report from the Committee on the proposals of Col. Bingham, governor of Guernsey, concerning the security and encouragement of that island, that 40 barrels of powder be sent there, *viz.*, 10 barrels a quarter for 4 quarters, the Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers to issue it from the public stores to Bingham. Approved 1 Aug.

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20. Col. Bingham, the Governor, to receive 300*l.* on account out of the revenue of Guernsey, for repairing Castle Cornet and furnishing it with carriages. Approved 1 Aug.

21. Col. Guibon, governor of Jersey, Peter Beauvoir de Granges, bailiff of Guernsey, and the deputy viscount of Guernsey, to survey the defects and want of repairs in Castle Cornet, and report to Council, with an estimate of the charge.

22. Lambert to receive His Highness's pleasure concerning Col. Bingham's proposal of sending 100 more foot to Guernsey, as an addition to the 100 already there.

23. To the 500 tods of wool and 25 dozen calf skins, allowed by the charter for Guernsey to be transported thither, 500 tods of wool to be added, and 25 dozen calf skins, under such regulations as shall be agreed upon. The rules of the late Council of State for commodities to be transported to Jersey to be considered by the Committee of Council on Bingham's proposals, who are to report.

24. The Committee on the business of charters to consider the charter for Guernsey, speak thereon with whom they think fit, and report.

25. Ten barrels of powder to be sent quarterly to the Isle of Wight until 50 barrels have been sent; the Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers to issue it. Approved 1 Aug.

27, 28. The Committee for Jamaica to sit 7 Aug. next, to consider what is referred to them. A room in Worcester House to be appointed for them to sit in.

29, 30. Embree and Kinnersley to inspect Worcester House learn how the rooms are disposed of, appoint one for that Committee, and report. Also to assign to Mr. Parkhurst, Registrar to the Commissioners for Discoveries, and his assistant, convenient lodgings in Worcester House.

31. Also to enquire how it stands as to the title of the Duchy House, and report.

32. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 3,000*l.* for the Council's contingencies.

33. Lieut.-Col. Lilburne's pension, payable out of the Exchequer, to be paid gratis, and the Exchequer officers informed thereof, according to the order of July 15.

34. The former Committee to reconsider what pensions should be paid in the Exchequer gratis, and to send for Sir Wm. Roberts, who demanded fees for Lilburne's pension contrary to their order, and speak with him thereon.

35. No Exchequer officer to take any fees on payment of charitable pensions or debts due from the Commonwealth, on penalty of forfeiting their places. Approved 1 Aug.

36. The 50*l.* payable to Lieut. Ralph Hardwick by letters of Privy Seal to be paid without fees, and if any fees have already been received herein, they are to be restored.

37. To advise his Highness to allow the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer [Wm. Steel] 1,200*l.* a year, as Lord Chancellor of Ireland,

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and to give notice to the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland accordingly. Approved 1 Aug.

38. 1,000*l.* to be paid him in advance of his allowance as Lord Chancellor of Ireland, and the Lord Deputy and Council there to be requested to draw a bill of exchange on the Army Committee for payment thereof to Dr. Thos. Cox out of the monthly assessment revenue designed for Ireland. Approved 1 Aug.

39, 40. To advise that Wm. Berry be appointed one of the Council in Ireland, at the same salary as the rest; 500*l.* to be paid him in advance on his allowance, and a letter written to the Deputy and Council in Ireland to draw a bill of exchange on the Army Committee for his payment out of the assessment revenue. Approved 1 Aug.

41. Council to meet to-morrow morning.

43. Order on Sydenham's report from the Committee to consider what sums charged on the Exchequer must first be paid—that 27,000*l.* must be paid forthwith, of which they have but little over 20,000*l.*—that the Treasury Commissioners see that ⅔ of the 27,000*l.* be paid out of the 20,000*l.*

46. Order that the Royal James frigate—a small man-of-war of the enemy, which attempted the Recovery of Bristol, but such a defence was made that many of the men were killed, and the ship seized and brought into Bristol—be given to the master and company of the Recovery, as a reward for their valour, and towards reparation of the damage sustained by their ship in the fight.

47. The mayor of Bristol to return to the Admiralty Commissioners an account of the time that the 27 prisoners taken in the Royal James have been at charge, and the said Commissioners to allow 4*d.* a day diet to each, to be paid by the Prize Commissioners, but the mayor is to require all such as are able to work for their livelihood. Approved 13 Sept. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 295–304.]

July 31. An additional instruction to the Council in Scotland—

Whereas great inconvenience has grown by not putting in execution the Ordinance of 6 Aug. 1654, concerning public preachers in Scotland, through default of the provincial certifyers named in the Ordinance, and we are unwilling that such ministers as intend their duty, and live peaceably under the present Government, should be kept out of their stipends for want of their certificates, which they cannot get from the provincial certifyers;—you are authorised to allow such ministers as satisfy you their respective stipends, with the arrears, their houses, and the privileges due, and to see the same done. [*I.* 77, *p.* 295.]

July 31. **85.** Proceedings in the Committee for hackney coachmen. Examination of John Grisould, and 10 others, on the first point of the accusation, *viz.*, that they had been unjustly suppressed by the overseers. Examinations of John Grisould, Rich. Edwards, and

Wm. Taylor, to prove that the overseers were and are disaffected to government, with the overseers' replies. [2⅔ *pages.*]

Order that there shall be a meeting on Tuesday, before which time their notes shall be transcribed. All the overseers of the company, both for the last and present year, to be then present, and all witnesses on both sides to be summoned. [⅓ *page.*]

July ? **86.** Report of Lambert and Wolsley, on a reference of the petition and proposals of M. Blondeau, which suggest advantages by his mode of coining money, *viz.*:—

That his coin will not be capable of being clipped, as all pieces will be of the same weight, the variance in which has hitherto been a great inconvenience, and he will receive and pay out the bullion by weight.

That it will be very difficult and costly to counterfeit it.

That it will be very handsome, and can be coined at from 1*s.* 6*d.* to 1*s.* 7*d.* per lb. troy for silver, and 7*s.* per lb. troy for gold.

That they have heard the officers of the Mint, who offered several exceptions, but none are considerable, save that Blondeau will not be able to do the work at the rate he has proposed; but a trial may be had of his ability to perform the undertaking, on his giving security for the bullion given him to coin.

In case it proves satisfactory, and it is resolved that a Mint be erected in Ireland, money being so generally corrupted there, Blondeau might be trusted with that work, and if he punctually performs his agreement, he might then be admitted to the charge of the Mint in England.

Also that a house be provided for him in London for the trial, and order given to the graver of the Mint to prepare dies with devices and inscriptions.

That one side should have his Highness's effigies, and the other his arms, with differences between the gold and silver, for avoiding fraud in gilding and putting off silver pieces for gold, and that a sum not named be allowed Blondeau for preparing his engines. [2½ *pages.*]

July. Whitehall. Instructions to Gen. Rob. Blake, Commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean fleet. You are to go to Algiers, send for the English consul, ascertain what English prisoners they have, and what prizes have been taken by Algiers' ships, and demand restitution of all ships and goods taken since ——— from English subjects, and the liberty of all the captives. You are to say that we wish to agree on articles for a friendly correspondence and mutual commerce, and you are to treat on articles of peace, such as are usual and necessary. If they refuse to do us justice, you are to use the force under your command to compel it, and assault them by land or sea, as you think fit. [*Entry book, Charles II., No.* 4, *pp.* 17–8.]

Aug. 1. **87.** Petition of Isabella, wife of Hen. Clarke, prisoner at Ilchester, to Council. I acknowledge your goodness in the release of my husband on bail [*see* 1 *July* 1656], but you have determined nothing about his estate, which has been sequestered, and 240 sheep taken from him by Capt. Rookesby. I beg compassion for myself and children, as my husband was legally acquitted. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 1. Reference thereon in Council to Sydenham and Strickland, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 306.]

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1. Lambert's report from the Committee on the new college at Durham, of a draft of a charter for settling the college, referred to the counsel learned, to report.

3. Six iron sacres and 4 iron minions to be delivered from the stores to Capt. Gregory Butler, as lent for use on his voyage to the West Indies, and to be returned at the expiration thereof, and a warrant to be issued to the Ordnance officers accordingly.

5. Out of the 4,000*l.* ordered to be paid into the Exchequer by the Earl of Devon, a second 1,000*l.* to be paid to the militia forces within the association of Maj.-Gen. Boteler, and the same to those of Maj.-Gen. Haynes.

6. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the War Treasurers the 2,000*l.*, to be thus disposed of.

8. Serjeant Bradshaw to be discharged from the office of chief justice of Chester and justice of assize for cos. Flint, Denbigh, and Montgomery, and his Highness advised to appoint some other fit person.

9. If Col. Edmond Ludlow do not, between now and next Tuesday, give security before the clerk of Council, with sufficient sureties in 5,000*l.*, to do nothing prejudicial to the Commonwealth, he shall be taken into custody and stand committed.

10. The Army Committee to issue warrants for the payment of the Earl of Devon's 4,000*l.* as ordered, 2,000*l.* to Major Haynes, and 2,000*l.* to Major Boteler, for their militia forces.

11. A present, value 1,500*l.*, to be prepared for the ambassador from Sweden, and Pickering, the Lord-Deputy, Sydenham, Lisle, and Strickland to consider its quality and direct its preparation.

12. Letters of marque to be granted Capt. Greg. Butler, under the Admiralty Court seal, against the ships and goods of Spain, on the usual security.

13. Like order for letters of marque to Capt. James.

17. To advise a warrant for payment to Thos. Warren of the 1,000*l.* ordered him from the Portugal money.

18. The petition of Cornelius Burgess, D.D., referred to the Lord-Deputy, Sydenham, Strickland, and Lambert, to report.

19. The Army Committee to direct their clerks to examine the books, &c., in their custody, for the names, quality, county or garrison, and time of service of such persons as the Commissioners for Discovery of Fraudulent Debentures desire, and report particulars.

20. Approval by the Protector of 33 orders, 25–31 July. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 305–9.]

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Aug. 1. **88.** Commissioners of Customs to the Protector and Council. The laws prohibiting export of gold and silver do not make any allowance to the seizer for his pains and hazard in prosecuting. It was this that prevented the recovery of the 2,060*l.* in gold, seized by the Gravesend searchers [*See* 18 *Nov.* 1655]. Thos. Gill, of Bristol, has been at great charge in seizing and recovering 82*l.* 9*s.* in gold. We pray that he may have one half, and that we may be directed to pay, and the Barons of Exchequer, and Auditors of Imprests, be ordered to allow it on our accounts, as has been done in like cases for the late Committee for Navy and Customs. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 1. Queen's College. **89.** Tim. Halton to Williamson. The factions are perpetually driven on in the house, so that I perceive no great hopes of election for fellows; 80 has denied the society their dividends till the drences [differences ?] are composed. Edmondson and Lough are made arbitrators of the business. If Rawlins were removed, the passage would be easier; DCCCI and DCI highly opposed our reaping any benefit of Masters' places; possibly they could not spare so much. 6 has lost his dividend this quarter, 600 taking the opportunity of proposing it in 330 [Lamplugh's] absence. I suppose he will return to college next Michaelmas. He has disposed of his parsonage to Mr. Wetherhald; yet he lost his dividend this year. DCCCI would gladly have fingered it, but could not.

There was an election of Tabiters at term time, *viz.*, Jo. Robin, B. Simpson, Pickering, T. Denton, and Skelton. 25 [Clem. Ellis] is Master, and made no supper; kissing goes by favour.

We have got a second Gerard Langbaine, baptized by Dr. Wallis after the new cut, without godfathers. 110 has been tried on a charge of incontinency; the woman who accused him, a turnspit, was imprisoned and banished.

Addison has made his public recantation in chapel, on his knees, for his offence with Sacheverell; you know the story. There is no Act, on account of the Vice-Chancellor's absence; he will resign to Dr. Wilkins, who is the rising sun since his marriage with the Protector's sister. We had nigh lost formalities, though caps were never more in fashion than now.* [1½ *pages.*]

Aug. 2. **90.** Petition of Janet Thomson, widow of Alexander Nisbet, master of the St. Andrew of Leith, and Janet Nisbet, his only daughter, to the King. Alex. Nisbet crossed from Ely to Dundee to oppose the English rebels, and was slain, and they robbed of all they had, stripped naked, and left in a most comfortless condition, without hope of relief, except from the Admiralty Court at Dunkirk, where he had a process, in 1641, for recovery of his ship, the St. Andrew, taken by Dunkirkers. Beg a certificate that he died in the King's service, and a recommendation of their cause to the said judges. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

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* The figures are cyphers for names; the two names supplied are given from college information contained in other letters.—ED.

90. I. *Certificate of Rob. Wemys, minister, and* 5 *others of Ely, to the truth of the petition. Ely,* 24 *May* 1656. [½ *page.*]

Aug. 3. The Adventure. **91.** Jonas Palmer to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have served the State several years as carpenter, but myself, the master gunner, boatswain, and purser are abused by our captain, who is a great enemy to the State, and a confederate of Lady Overton, at Hull, and of Harrison, at Scarborough. He has books which are libels against his Highness,—that his cloak is worn so threadbare, that he has nothing left to cover his knavery,—and because we do not agree with him, he threatens to put us ashore, and says he has your orders for it, though we have neither disobeyed nor embezzled.

He says that the King lost his head for raising a little ship-money, but now things are ten times worse, and if the purser's books are examined, it will be seen that he does not care to be at sea, and has been two months out of four at anchor in one place or the other. He lately came on board drunk, from Scarborough, and put the lieutenant and gunner in irons for nothing; he says that seamen should not be servants to soldiers, that you have not done well to put so many godly men in prison, and that his Highness cannot protect himself, much more three nations, and that both General Overton and Maj.-Gen. Harrison would have scorned to take the post of Protector. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 4. Chatham. **92.** Commissioner Peter Pett to Maj.-Gen. Kelsey. I received your letter from Hill House, with the state of the case of Bartholomew's Hospital. We cannot now draw up a petition to the Protector, as some of the Governors are from home, but we have written to the Commissioners at Worcester House, where Mr. Alleyn is to have a hearing to-morrow, against Mr. Hayward.

We enclose the letter, and desire it may be forwarded, after the Admiralty Commissioners have seen it. I spoke to Hayward touching land held at St. Bartholomew's, belonging to the chest, and he acknowledges that part of it does, and that he is willing to do anything reasonable in renewing leases in reference to that, but I would rather wish not to lie at his mercy. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

92. I. *Commissioner Peter Pett, Thos. Rabenett, and Thos. Arkenstall, to the Commissioners for Discoveries, Worcester House. We understand that part of some lands at Chatham, lately belonging to the Brethren of St. Bartholomew's in Chatham, granted to some persons by the Lord Protector, belongs to the Chest at Chatham, by lease for lives, for the maintenance of wounded seamen. Sir Jno. Hawkins' Hospital in Chatham, for* 10 *aged seamen, is built upon part of it, and others have also built upon it to a considerable value, believing it to be the chest's freehold. If this land be granted away, it will ruin the Hospital, whose funds are so low that we cannot repair the small houses, so as to enable the poor creatures to lie dry in their beds. Chatham Dock,* 4 *Aug.* 1656. [1 *page.*]

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93. Major Wm. Burton to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Reserve and Wexford are in the Roads, waiting for the Vulture or Wren. I hear Capt. Smith has sent them to Portsmouth; if so, he does these parts great wrong, for I have not a ship to send with the coal fleet, between Yarmouth and Orfordness, which is as dangerous as from Newcastle to the Roads. The poor women whose husbands are prisoners in Ostend are glad to hear of an exchange. Capt. Country has brought in a prize with 27 men and boys; so we have now 80 prisoners, and desire that they may be exchanged for the English abroad, and that a convoy may be sent for the herring fishery and for other purposes.

The Preston and others are gone northward to secure the coal fleet; the herring fishers will be ready by the 24th; there should be 4 small ships and 2 as large as fourth-rate, because the Dutch convoys, which lend their busses, will not be commanded by small ones. This fishery is the greatest in England, they come as far as from Lyme westward, and Sunderland northward. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

93. I. II. *Nich. Jasper, and* 18 *other masters of ships, to the Admiralty Commissioners. We beg a convoy, having long waited in vain for Capt. Nutton of the Norwich, to our great loss and damage, by lying at great charge, and seeing our goods daily taken away under our noses by the Dutch, and entertaining poor taken men, who come to us for succour. We are much abused and jeered at because no convoy arrives. There is also a report of a sudden war, and the Dutch people are generally mad for it, seeing the number and value of their ships taken by the English; all the Dutch captains were summoned before their Admiralty last Saturday, on some private business; consequently if we are not soon fetched away, it is feared we shall be stopped. Brill Road,* $\frac{25\ \textit{July.}}{4\ \textit{Aug.}}$ 1656. [*Original,* 1 *page with copy.*]

93. III. *Robt. Fenn to his wife. We are hardly dealt with, our allowance of* 2*d. a day, a loaf,* 1 *oz. of butter, and* 2 *ozs. of cheese, is reduced to half, because their men who come from England say they were so served there. Pray procure our exchange, or we shall die in prison of starvation.* 26 *July* 1656. [1 *page.*]

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The Essex,
Mardike Pitts,
near Dunkirk.

94. Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. Little has been done of late with the enemy, they being afraid to come in or out; as they endeavoured to fit again the shallop which was put on shore, I sent Capt. Nixon with a party of 50 men, in boats, to fire her, which he did without any loss, as the enemy's foot regiments would not face them. If 10,000 men had been landed at our first coming, it might have been done without opposition, but it is now too late, as they have now drawn down their horse guards to the shore, to save their men, should any more of their ships be put on shore. I retook from them a French vessel, laden with freestone, and sent her to Dover by the Hawk. I sent the President, Mermaid, and Red Horse pink to ride in the Flemish

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Road, but doubting they would not be sufficient, I called them back. Many of Charles Stuart's party are in Dunkirk, and animate them to fire on us from the coast. Two of their small frigates came out yesterday, and I have sent 3 after them, but they were clean and got away. I want some clean ships that could get alongside them. I take all the care I can, night and day, and the commanders and men are very ready and active. We want good sailing ships that could follow them to the sands.

I enclose an account of the State's ships off Dunkirk and Ostend, and particulars of their movements. I must have the Channel sounded; the pilots are afraid there is a middle ground grown up. Send me more ships, and I hope to block the enemy. Also the beer and anchor formerly demanded. *Enclosing,*

94. I. *Note of the Flanders squadron, 6 ships off Ostend, and 5 off Dunkirk, with the time they have been off ground, and the state of their victualling.* [1 *page.*]

Aug. 5. The Essex, Mardike Pitts, off Dunkirk. **95.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. The packet boat has come out from the Splinter, where she had been detained. They would not let any one go on shore, or come to me, and have imprisoned those that were cleared at Ostend, and will not suffer any to come near the ships; they have some design in hand. There are several men-of-war and fireships ready to come out of Dunkirk and Ostend, two carrying 30 and 32 guns each; I am much troubled because our ships are very foul. If I go to Ostend, the ships here will go westward; and if I draw off the other ships to block this place, those at Ostend would soon be out. If you would send 4 ships that are clean, I do not question but to be able to keep the enemy in; 2 or 3 clean ships should be sent to Capt. Sparling, that they may not force us to join. They give out that they do not care to fight us, as they shall very shortly be otherwise provided. The vessels chased by the Mermaid and Red Horse have 100 men each, and will do much damage unless taken. Particulars of ships. Capt. Sparling has taken a fishing boat with 6 men, and allowed one to go on shore to exchange prisoners, and if ordered, will capture all the fishing boats he can, so as to get an exchange of men. [1⅓ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

95. I. *Order in a Council of War. Hearing that the enemy's force is such that if they join, and we cannot prevent them, they will ruin us at Ostend, we resolve that, unless we are strengthened with more ships before the 9th, we will repair to Ostend to secure those ships for the following reasons:—*

1. *That the enemy's greatest strength is at present at Ostend.*

2. *That they have many frigates northward, which daily come in, notwithstanding all diligence and endeavours to prevent them, their sailing being far better than ours, from their being clean and we foul.*

3. *That those at Dunkirk can with greater ease and less difficulty join with those at Ostend, than the State's ships to repair hither. The Essex,* 5 *Aug.* 1656. [⅔ *page.*]

Aug. 5. Plymouth. **96.** Capt. Thos. Morris to the Admiralty Commissioners. When 10 leagues to the westward of Scilly, on the 4th inst., I chased and came up with 2 frigates, of 22 and 24 guns. I put the ship in order for fighting. One of them put out a red ancient, with a hand and sword upon it, and a Burgundian flag, and the other a like ancient. I consider them to have been Swart and his consort. We began to engage with them about 10 o'clock, and with the first broadside carried away the ancient of the one, and with the next the great maintopmast yard-sail and flag of the other. They tried to get the weather gage of us, board us, and overpower us with men, but we prevented them. We fought until 5 o'clock, when our powder and shot being exhausted, and our rigging damaged, we were forced to give them liberty to bear away, which they gladly accepted; but if I had had sufficient shot and ammunition, I should have either taken or sunk them. I lost 2 men, and had 2 or 3 slightly wounded. I have come in to recruit the ammunition. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 5. **97.** Capt. Thos. Morris to Capt. Hen. Hatsell, Navy Commissioner. To similar effect. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 5. **98.** Petition of Sir Willoughby D'Ewes, an infant, to Council. Lady Mary Skinner had a jointure on his estate, which was sequestered for her recusancy, and the sequestration is continued since her death. The Haberdashers' Hall Commissioners, having no power to discharge the sequestration, petitioned the Protector, who referred him to Council. Since then all his tenants' goods and stock have been seized, and he is like to be deprived of his maintenance. Begs suspension on security. [⅔ *page.*]

Aug. 5. Note of the reading of the petition in Council. [*I.* 77, *p.* 309.]

Aug. 5. **99.** Petition of Daniel Wise, prisoner at Haverfordwest, co. Pembroke, to the Protector.

When with Mr. Boddilow, gathering the excise at Wiston, co. Pembroke, 20 Oct. 1655, I had to distrain the goods of Thos. Davids for neglect of payment, and sent my servants to execute the distress, whom they beat, and when I came up, I found one lying almost dead. When they saw me they gave a shout, and cried, "There is the exciseman; kill him." They ran upon me, and I in self-defence struck with my hanger John Hugh but one blow, which, contrary to my intention, became mortal. Eleven witnesses can testify to the truth of this statement, whose depositions were returned to the Committee of Indemnity. I was imprisoned and tried at the next assizes, when my adversaries were my prosecutors, and was cast for my life, notwithstanding an injunction served on them not to prosecute at that assizes, but to appear in London before the Committee of Indemnity, on 3 May 1656, to shew cause why I should not be indemnified, which they did not obey.

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The Major General, and some other honest men in the country, acquainted with my honest and civil carriage, petitioned the judges for a reprieve, which was granted till further order. Consider, I pray you—

(1). How little hope good men can have of their lives, when their greatest enemies are prosecutors and witnesses. (2). The general hatred to excisemen in this country. (3). My distance of 200 miles from my wife and children, and my trial by Welshmen. (4). That hardly any will gather excise when country people have such a precedent as this will be, if I die for this thing. Pray send me beyond seas, or use me as you think fit, so as to save my life, and ease me of this sad imprisonment. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

99. I. *Certificate by John Eliot and* 26 *others to the good conduct of Wise in the exercise of his office. Haverfordwest,* 16 *July* 1656. [1 *page.*]

99. II. *The Protector to the Justice that sat on Wise's trial. The circumstances (detailed) on the trial induced you to reprieve him, and as this matter may prove dangerous in the consequence, as it respects the service, we beg you to take a strict examination, and certify us, and to reprieve Wise till our further pleasure. Westminster,* 1 *Aug.* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

Aug 5. Note of the reading of the above petition and certificate in Council. [*I.* 77, *p.* 309.]

Aug. 5. **100.** Petition of Clement Writer to the Protector, for redress against a decree of Lord Keeper Coventry, in a case between him and Geo. Worfield, his late uncle, and his executors, from which he has sustained great damage many years, and can have no redress in an ordinary way. With report on the case by John Parker and John Corbet, on a reference of 6 Feb. 1653–4, the suit being for non-payment by Worfield for 7 years' charges and time spent by Writer, then a clothier in Worcester, in carrying on Worfield's lawsuits at his earnest request, and on sundry other accounts between them since 1634. Also note of the petitioner's complaints against the Lord Keeper; against the Commissioners in his case, and against the certificates returned. With reference thereon to Council, 10 Aug. 1655. [2 *pages, printed; also I.* 92, *No.* 441.]

100. I. *Supplement of material things not fully proved, or omitted from the former report.* [1⅓ *pages, printed.*]

100. II. *The sad case of Clement Writer, who hath waited for relief therein since* 4 *Dec.* 1640, *detailing his appeals to Parliament, orders in the Committee for Petitions, and orders and reports thereon,* 1641 *and* 1646. [7 *pages, printed.*] *Endorsed with a manuscript note, that all was ready for hearing, and his witnesses brought up from Worcestershire, for* 19 *Dec.* 1653, *when the dissolution of Parliament prevented all hope of relief.* [1 *page.*]

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Aug. 5. Reference thereon by Council to Lambert, Strickland, Wolsley, Lord Deputy, Pickering, and Jones. [*I.* 77, *p.* 310.] *Annexing,*

101. *Clement Writer to the said referees. My case being referred to you, I must beg your joint concurrence, and I send you copies of my petition and reports, with 3 grounds of complaint against the proceedings. I was almost in despair, after waiting myself in vain so many years in fruitless and chargeable attendances in seeking relief, and was resolving to submit to my afflictions during the remainder of my frail pilgrimage, but your friendliness encourages me to a lively hope, you being my only and last refuge in this my shipwreck.* 1 *Oct.* 1656. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 5. **102.** Petition of Capt. Wm. Watts to the Protector and Council. Was contracted with to put 120 soldiers on board the Hopewell frigate, in the Downs, with goods and provisions for the army in Jamaica, and by order from his Highness, there were put on board in the Thames, on Friday, 130 men and some women, all contrary to his contract. No sooner were the soldiers put on board than the seamen all ran away, so that the ship cannot sail. Begs a warrant for taking 20 men out of some other of the ships, or for pressing so many, and that the supernumerary men and goods may be either taken out, or satisfaction made to him. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 5. Order thereon for a warrant to Rob. Thompson and Fras. Willoughby, Navy Commissioners, to repair on board the ship, and see it speedily sent out of the Thames, and if Watts, the master, cause any delay, to bring him up in custody to answer his neglect.

Mr. Noel to agree with the master of the Hopewell for the additional men and goods put aboard her beyond the contract. [*I.* 77, *p.* 310.]

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3, 4. The petition of Capt. Rob. Hackwell, and 50 other mariners, concerning their loss by the Dutch in the East Indies, referred to Lambert, Strickland, Wolsley, Lord Deputy Pickering, and Jones, to report.

5. The petition of Bennet Lord Sherard, referred to the Major General and Commissioners of co. Leicester, to report.

6, 7, 8. The petitions of John Wicker and the owners of the Gilliflower, Louisa Houston and Alex. Turner, referred to any 3 of the Council, to report.

14. As there is no room in Worcester House for the Committee on complaints against the proceedings of the Trustees at Drury House, and as the matters relate chiefly to books and papers at Drury House, they are to meet there, and those in charge to prepare a room for them. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 309–312.]

Aug. 5. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the bailiffs, justices, and rest of the estates of Guernsey. Mr. De la Marsh and Mr. Haviland, as deputies from you, having presented some proposals, amongst which is that of slighting Castle Cornet, and putting the revenue and care of the island into the hands of the inhabitants, Council signified their disapproval in a letter of January last to the Governor of the island, adding that, though unable to grant those proposals, they would be ready to consider any the inhabitants might wish to offer, should they be really for the good of the island.

This letter was communicated to you, and you disavowed the overtures that had been made.

Nevertheless De la Marsh and Haviland, in an address to his Highness, have further insisted on the same proposals, with such lack of the respect due that Council has determined to receive nothing more from them in the capacity of persons authorised by you, which his Highness and Council desire to signify to you, not doubting your fidelity to Government, and they will show their esteem in all ways requisite for your safety and encouragement. In proof thereof they have already resolved, in answer to your petition, to add to the quantity of wool and calfskins allowed by your charter to be transported hence custom free, and will regulate the same to your public advantage. The renewal of your charter is also under consideration, and anything else you may petition for rightly shall be acceded to or not as is found best for you. You are advised to maintain love and peace, and so to demean yourselves to those entrusted with your safety as to leave no opportunity to discontented persons to disturb you. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 311–12.]

Aug. 5. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Ald. Ireton and Ald. Thos. Allen. We hear that Ald. Ireton having, on desire of Sir Thos. Pride, granted a warrant on Aug. 4 to 4 soldiers to apprehend Dr. Savery, for speaking treasonable words against his Highness, and that on being so apprehended, and carried before Ald. Atkins, the Alderman liberated him, and committed the soldiers to Woodstreet Counter. You are to examine into the matter, and report to Council. [*I.* 77, *p.* 926.]

[Aug. 6.] **103.** Petition of Wm. Hockley, one of the late overseers of hackney coachmen, to the Protector and Council. At the time of the Ordinance for regulating the company, Lopus, a victualler in Martin's in-the-Fields, kept a coach and 2 horses, driven by Rich. Edwards, his servant, to whom the following August he made over his coach, knowing that he should be questioned as being no coachman, and Edwards still drives it, though not admitted by the Lord Mayor and aldermen.

In Oct. 1654, Edwards asked me whether he could drive, and I said he could not unless admitted, when he said he cared not for the Ordinance, and threatened me, and I retorted, not conceiving him to be a soldier, as his wife is a Roman Catholic. I am sorry if thereby I am conceived to have uttered anything derogatory to Government, but Edwards complained of me in malice. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 6. **104, 105.** Notes of the examination of witnesses in the case of the Hackney coachmen, before Sir Gilb. Pickering.

John Bray, the treasurer, acknowledges receiving fines from John Grisould, but not using the words expressed. He received 800*l.* while treasurer, but none to his own use.

Wm. Hockley denies telling Rich. Edwards that he should be kept out for being a soldier. [2 *papers, one in shorthand.*]

Aug. 6. Whitehall. **105a.** Council to Serj. Dendy. As Col. Edm. Ludlow has not given security, according to the purport of his Highness and Council's order of 1 Aug., you are to take him, and keep him in safe custody till you receive further order. [1 *page; also I.* 114, *p.* 23.]

Aug. 7. **106.** Petition of Edm. Harvey, Rob. Tichborne, and Mark Hildesley, and of Hildesley, as executor of Dan. Taylor, late Customs' Commissioners, to Council. In the Great Roll of the Pipe in the Exchequer, 57,722*l.* 5*s.* 10½*d.* is charged on them for the remainder of their account ended 24 June 1653. In their last accounts up to the end of their employment, 25 March 1656, they are charged with 23,000*l.*, and they have paid in 1,098*l.* 16*s.* 0½*d.* On 5 June last, on consideration of their proposals about the 22,000*l.* due, it was ordered that on payment of 10,000*l.* within a month, and security for payment of 12,000*l.* more at 3,000*l.* quarterly, the Pipe Roll should be discharged. This they have done, and beg an order for discharge of the 57,722*l.* 5*s.* 10½*d.* in the Pipe Roll. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 7. Order thereon that to the order of 5 June these words be added, *viz.*, "Of the charge there charged upon them," and the Barons of the Court of Exchequer are hereby authorized and required to discharge the same accordingly. [*I.* 77, *p.* 316.]

Aug. 7. **107.** Petition of Armiger Warner to the Protector. In compensation for my ship taken to carry Irish to Spain, I was ordered ½ of my discoveries of concealed lands and goods, amounting to 1,600*l.* Now if 100*l.* is discovered I have to pay ⅕, being 20*l.* to the discoverer and 50*l.* to the State, so that I only receive 30*l.* I had almost as well sit down with my first loss of 1,600*l.*, besides 25 months' attendance, as spend time for such small profit. I beg alteration of the order, and grant of all the money I bring in, till the 1,600*l.* is paid. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 7. **108.** Case of Armiger Warner as above, and request for either all paid in on his discoveries, or allowance for what he has to pay the discoverer, and ¼ of the State's part. He has had the order 10 months [*see* 5 *Sept.* 1655,] and cannot get any discovery on these terms. [⅔ *page.*]

Aug. 7. Order thereon in Council granting the petitioner the whole benefit of his discoveries. Approved 13 Sept. [*I.* 77, *p.p.* 316, 395.]

Aug. 7. **109.** Petition of Fras. Finch, of Kensington, to Council. As Viscount Conway was going to France to his lady, my niece, who went thither for her health, he was taken by the Ostenders, robbed of all he had, and cast stark naked into a noisome prison without covering, save such poor rags as a seaman in scorn bestowed upon him, in which condition he has lain since 13 July last, and none allowed access to him, so that till now his friends had no notice of his sad estate; he has no hope of release but through you, by reason of his bearing arms for and his known affection to the present Government. I beg some exchange for him, and meanwhile a pass for a messenger to go to him with some relief, and to solicit persons there in power, lest he perish by unexpressible bad usage, for his affection to the Commonwealth. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 7. Order thereon for a pass to John Birkhead to go to Ostend to solicit Conway's liberty, and for his friends to propose to Council a fit person to be exchanged for him. [*I.* 77, *p.* 317.]

Aug. 7. **110.** Petition of James, Lord Ogilvy, to the Protector. Though I never acted against Government, whilst peaceably residing at my mansion house in Scotland, I was seized by a party of horse under Gen. Monk, and sent to the Tower in London, where I stayed a year, when the Council of Scotland allowed me liberty, on security not to depart the Commonwealth without their leave, which I have not yet obtained, though this is the 5th year of my restraint, to the utmost undoing of my fortune and family. I beg to taste the fruits due to my innocence and sufferings. With reference to Privy Council, 22 July 1655. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 7. Order that he have liberty to go for 3 months to Scotland, on security to Sir J. Berkstead not to act against his Highness or the State. [*I.* 77, *p.* 319.]

[Aug. 7.] **111.** Petition of Thos. Sampson for the inhabitants of Sherborne, co. Dorset, to the Protector. I have rented this parsonage from you for 2½ years, and taken much pains to gather in the corn, but owing to the great plenty of corn, I have lost 132*l.*, and not had a peck for my own use.

For the last 2 years, since the death of Wm. Lyford, the town has been without preaching minister, and I have had to procure a weekly supply, but as there is no certain maintenance, I cannot get a settled minister. I served faithfully in person and estate through the wars, maintaining myself and 6 men, and raising several foot companies at my own charge, suffering loss, imprisonment, and banishment, and receiving nothing. I was a main instrument in suppressing the late insurrection in the West, and trained and maintained 40 men.

I beg allowance of the 132*l.* from the rent of the parsonage, allowance of 40*l.* charges in procuring a minister, and an augmentation, that a minister may be procured, and 5,000 souls not be left as sheep without a shepherd. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 7. The Treasury Commissioners' report on the petitions of Kath. Metham [*see Composition Tables,* 8 *May* 1649] and of Thos. Sampson, for abatement of their rents, read and laid aside. [*I.* 77, *p.* 320.] *Annexing,*

111. I. *Report alluded to, that though there may be good ground for their relief, the Treasury Commissioners have no power therein.* 18 *Dec.* 1655. [½ *page.*]

Aug. 7. **112.** Petition of Mary, widow of Lieut. Thos. Butler, to the Protector. Her husband, being on a forlorn hope at Wareham under

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Col. Sydenham, had both his eyes shot out, whereon Parliament allowed him 40*l.* a year from Goldsmiths' Hall, which was paid till 24 June 1654, and then paid by your patent from the Exchequer. He has died in the flower of his age from those wounds, and she, having 3 small children and no support, begs continuance of the pension. With reference thereon signed by the Protector to Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

112. I. *Certificate to the truth thereof by Col. Wm. Sydenham.* [*Scrap.*]

Aug. 7. Order thereon for a pension to her of 30*l.* a year for life, to be paid quarterly. [*I.* 77, *p.* 326.]

[Aug. 7.] **113, 114.** Petition of Major Geo. Walters to Council. On your former order [*see* 14 *Feb.* 1656] I have attended 2 months with my accounts, and after much consultation and examination, the referees certify my demands at 5,638*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*, but they have defalked 429*l.* 16*s.* for quarter, which I do not owe, having certified the Committee of Accounts that I had paid it, and they take off 232*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, said to be payable by Parliament, though I have never received it. As discoveries are long in making out and uncertain, and as my creditors will not wait, I beg 200*l.* or 300*l.* to supply my present wants and carry me to Ireland, and authority to the Lord Deputy and Council to set me out lands in Connaught or county Clare worth the whole 5,000*l.*, according to the rate for adventurers and soldiers, and I and my friends, being settled there, hope to improve the revenue and increase the value of the lands. [2 *copies.*] *Annexing,*

114. I. *Certificate by Lord Inchiquin that Geo. Walters, merchant of Barnstaple, now resident at Cork, advanced on public faith on money, clothes, &c.,* 287*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, *and in wines, linen, &c.,* 450*l.*, *which is due with interest. Cork,* 3 *June* 1643. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

114. II. *Abstract by Walters of debts due to him by the State,* 18 *Feb.* 1655–6, *for service, loans, goods, &c., total* 6,307*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.* [1 *page.*]

114. III., IV. *Answer by Major Walters to demands touching his accounts, and arguments for the further justifying of them.* [2 *copies.*]

114. V. *Accounts of Major Walters, as certified by Rich. Wilcox, Hen. Broad, and Nich. Bond. Sum due* 5,638*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.* 11 *April* 1656. [1 *sheet.*]

Aug. 7. Reference thereon to the Committee for the affairs of Ireland, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 326.]

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1. The draft of a Privy Seal from the Committee on Col. Robt. Guibon's account, for the more clear passing of the said account, read, 70*l.* fixed as the sum to be allowed him in this business, the other blank filled up with 991*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*, and passed as follows:—

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2. Whereas compositions have been made with some inhabitants of Jersey for delinquency, and defalcations allowed from their fines for sums paid to Col. Jas. Heane, late governor, and others; and whereas by patent of 14 March 1654–5, Col. Rob. Guibon was appointed governor and receiver-general of these monies, who by account signed by himself, Mich. Lempriere and Wm. Harding, Commissioners for Compounding there, is charged with 7,501*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.*, of which 70*l.*, due by Phil. Marett of St. Laurence's parish, was never paid, because his whole estate has been seized for other reasons, so that the sum is 7,431*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.*; and whereas Guibon has disbursed, by Council warrants, the following sums, order that the said sums be paid him, *viz.*:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
For a store of provisions in the castle - - -	500	0	0
Salaries of the Commissioners for Compounding -	250	0	0
Salaries of inferior officers, and expenses about compositions - - - - - - -	125	10	0
Diet and apparel of Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne, prisoner in the island - - - - -	44	15	10
Allowance for receiving and conveying the said monies to England - - - - -	70	0	0
	991	5	10

Also as by warrant of 14 March 1654–5, the Commissioners for Composition were authorized to repair the castles and forts in the island, and make additions to the buildings, the charge of which they certified, 24 Aug. 1653, to be 1,000*l.* for work part done, and part now doing; order that the said sum be paid as imprest on account.

3. The certificate from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, concerning severing the chapelry of Haddlesay from the rectory of Birkin, co. York, referred to Lambert and Strickland.

4. Order approving a certificate from the said Trustees, of June 26 1656—that the vicarage of Llanvihangell-Nantmellan, and the parsonage of New Radnor, co. Radnor, should be united, and the parish church of New Radnor be the meeting place for worship of both parishes, with one incumbent, who should receive the profits of both, and the patrons should present in turns, the patron of the said vicarge having the first turn.

5. Order approving a certificate from the same, of July 10 1656,—that the rectory of the parish churches of Foulsham and Themilthorpe, co. Norfolk, should be united; Foulsham church to be the meeting place for both, the rector to be endowed with the glebe and profits of both, and the patron of Foulsham to have the first appointment. Approved 5 Sept.

6. Order—on report from Sir John Berkstead and Ed. Cresset, of 14 May 1656, on a reference from Council of Jan. 9, on the petition of Rich. Pight, clerk of the irons and surveyor of the melting house

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at the Mint, with the proposals annexed, concerning his services for 5 years about discovering and prosecuting 5 false coiners, they certifying his diligent attendance on the said service, for which he has received but 100*l.* which does not cover his expenses—that 70*l.* be paid him for past services, and 82*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.* for contingent charges disbursed by him since 20 March 1655.

Also that Berkstead, Cresset, and Lieut.-Col. Fras. White, view the quantity and quality of all irons, instruments, utensils, &c., for counterfeit coining, and all pieces of counterfeit coin, plates, metals, &c., for that use, seized by Pight, and brought to the Tower, and cause them to be defaced, and the money and metals melted down, and their true value estimated and delivered to Pight towards the 70*l.* and 82*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.* ordered to be paid him, and to report the amount. Approved 13 Sept.

7. The petition of Anne, relict of Capt. John Tisser—concerning Lord Herbert's claim to a house, part of the late Earl of Worcester's estate, which was purchased in fee of the Trustees at Drury House by Edw. Walford, and of him by the petitioner's husband, which claim is allowed by the Commissioners for removing Obstructions, to take place after the death of the said Earl, and a reprise ordered the petitioner, the fruit whereof she cannot have for reasons set forth in the petition—referred to the Commissioners for removing Obstructions, to report.

11. A report read on the petition of Maj. Edm. Rolfe [*see* 12 *June, supra*]—stating his claims for service in 1647 at 393*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.*, public faith bills and debentures, 387*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*, and allowances for service in the Isle of Wight, 54*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*; total 835*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.*—that on the first sum 10*s.* in the pound should be allowed, on the second 5*s.*, and the whole of the third; total 347*l.* 19*s.* 9½*d.*; that he owes 817*l.* 11*s.* 1½*d.*; that on payment of the balance, *viz.*, 469*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* and delivering in his debentures, &c., to be cancelled, he should be discharged of the whole debt. Also a paper read stating his services and sufferings.

Order that 500*l.* be discounted from the said debt, and he be discharged on paying 317*l.* 11*s.* 1½*d.* Approved 13 Sept. *Annexing,*

115. *Report by Lord Lambert and Lord-Deputy Fleetwood alluded to.* [1⅔ *pages.*]

115. I. *Major Rolfe to Lord Lambert. I beg you to procure my arrears, and consider my sufferings:—*

1. *I was wounded and left for dead at Marston Moor in* 1644, *and lost horses, money, and clothes, value* 80*l.*

2. *In* 1645, *being ill of fever near Banbury, I was taken prisoner, and robbed to the value of* 30*l.*

3. *The Army Committee in stating my account deducted* 200*l. more than I was indebted, for free quarter.*

4. *On June* 17, 1648, *by order of the House of Lords, I was arrested for high treason, and hurried from Bishopsgate Street to the Gatehouse prison, in hazard of my life by the fury of the enraged multitude, which threw me into a*

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fever, and my wife and friends were kept from me. I was tried at Winchester assizes, but acquitted by the grand jury.

This arose from the allegations of Mr. Osborne (who was fled) and Mr. Dowsett, a prisoner for the conspiracy to steal away the late King from Carisbrooke Castle, when the Scots came in England at the Kentish insurrection; but 28 *May before, I had discovered to Col. Hammond their plot, which was to have been effected that night. This imprisonment, sickness, and trial, cost me* 200*l. Pray move his Highness in behalf of my petition.* 10 *July* 1656. [2 *pages.*]

115. II. *Like letter addressed to Lambert, Sydenham, and Desborow.* [1⅓ *pages.*]

12. A certificate from the Commissioners for Discovery of Fraudulent Debentures, &c., and two papers annexed—the one of names of persons who have purchased several rents, and applied to such purchases false debentures to the several values therein set forth; the other a report of the Commissioners concerning the miscarriages of the Registrar-Accountant at Drury House—referred to Desborow, Jones, Lambert, Fiennes, Sydenham, Lord-Deputy, Wolsley, and Strickland, to report.

13. Order for a warrant to the Admiralty Judges to pass under the seal of their court, patents constituting —— Oglander, judge, —— ——, registrar, and —— ——, marshal of the vice-admiralty of cos. Hants and ——.

14. Order to pay to Hum. Harwood, of York, instead of to Maj.-Gen. Lilburne as previously ordered, on account for repairing the manor house there, 400*l.* out of concealed estates brought in to the Commissioners for securing the peace in cos. York and Durham, which Maj.-Gen. Lilburne shall authorize Ralph Rymer, receiver of these moneys, to pay to Harwood, who, on Lilburne's orders, shall pay it to the workmen for the repairs, and for stone and other materials; Lilburne to enquire after concealed household stuff belonging to the late King, and seize it for the State, giving in an account of the same. Approved 13 Sept.

16. To the order of 1 Feb. last, concerning the removal of the records of the late Court of Wards, this to be added, *viz.*, "And it is further ordered that Mr. Fabian, who hath the custody of the said records of the late Court of Wards, do conform to this order, and perform all things requisite on his part to make this effectual."

17. Order—on report from the Committee of Council to receive reports from the Trade Committee, of a report from the said Committee on a petition from the needlemakers of London and adjacent parts, complaining of the great fraud used in making needles, relating as well to the ill stuff they are made of, as the ill manner of making them, that as great quantities of such bad needles are imported into London from boyond sea, the Committee of Council think the needlemakers of London should be incorporated

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into a society, under the name of the Company of Needlemakers in the City of London, and be so regulated as to prevent abuses in future—that his Highness be advised to incorporate them by letters patent.

18. Order—on report by Lambert from the Committee for adding fit persons to the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous, ignorant, and insufficient Ministers and Schoolmasters—that Council proceed to name persons to add to that Committee.

19. Order—on report from the Committee of the names of the persons agreed on—that the following be added to the above Committee, and have full powers to act, the names being given:—

For co. Chester, 13.
„ Lancaster, 11.
„ Stafford, 7.
„ Durham, 1.
„ Northumberland, 8.
„ Cumberland, 1.
„ Westmoreland, 1.
„ Kent, 9.

For co. Surrey, 5.
„ Yorkshire,
„ East Riding, and } 4.
„ Kingston-on-Hull,
„ Gloucester, 6.
„ Cornwall, 4.
„ Wilts, 6.

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20. Order to add the following ministers, whose names are given, to the ministers named in the Ordinance for ejecting scandalous Ministers, with the same powers:—

For co. Lancaster, 7.
„ Northumberland, 5.
„ Cumberland, 3.
„ Surrey, 5.
„ East Riding of York, } 1.
„ and Kingston-on-Hull,
„ Gloucester, 4,
„ Cornwall, 6.
„ Wilts, 7.

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21. Lambert, the Lord-Deputy, and Sydenham, to prepare a letter to send the Majors General on the debate now in Council, concerning executing the Ordinance for ejecting scandalous Ministers.

22. Order that in satisfaction for all arrears due to Lieut.-Col. Wroth Rogers for service, 300*l.* be paid him out of such discovery of money or lands in co. Hereford as he shall make to the Commissioners for Discoveries, who are to examine the same, and certify the value of his discoveries to the Treasury Commissioners, that order for payment may be given accordingly.

23. The petition of Margaret Swinton, and papers annexed, referred to the Scotch Committee.

24. Order on report from the Committee on Dr. Owen's business—that they find, by Orders of Parliament of 20 June 1649 and 14 June 1650, that 100*l.* a year should be allowed his wife and children, to be paid quarterly by Goldsmiths' Hall, out of under-

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valuations of delinquents' estates, and that it was so paid till 2 years back, for which period it is in arrear—to advise an order to pay him 200*l.* for arrears, and 100*l.* yearly, by quarterly instalments.

25. Chris. Lister, John Maidstone, John Blackwell, junr., Wm. Rowe, Rich. Sherwyn, Sam. Hartlib, and Ezrell Tongue, D.D., to be added to the Committee for Durham College.

26. The petition of the numerous creditors of the confiscated persons in Scotland referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

27. Order—on petition and certificate of Peter du Moulin, junr., D.D.—that he be allowed to exercise his ministerial abilities, the late proclamation and instructions to the Majors General, &c., notwithstanding. Approved 13 Sept.

28. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of Anne, widow of Rowland Fawkard, messenger to Council, who died in their service, leaving her with 3 small children—to advise an order to pay her 10*l.* a year for life.

30. The pensions ordered to-day for Anne Fawkard and Mary Butler to be passed under one seal.

31. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of Cornelius Burgess, D.D.—that the same Committee hear the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers herein, and report; and that Wolsley, Jones, Sydenham, Rous, and Skippon be added to the Committee.

33. The Committee on the quality of the present to the ambassador from Sweden to send for Mr. Cooper, and direct him according to the present debate, and send for the person now mentioned who has a case for enclosing a picture, and treat with him for it, if they judge it fit, or cause another to be provided. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 313–327.]

Aug. 7. Whitehall. Council to the Commissioners of Customs, &c. As Viscount Conway, in his way towards France, was taken at sea by an Ostender, and carried to Ostend, where he remains under very severe restraint, you are to permit John Birkhead to pass into Flanders, to solicit his liberty, and to return. [*I.* 114, *p.* 23.]

Aug. ? **116.** Proposal of Lancelot Burrell, and Edw. Lewin, merchant of of London, to the Council of State, for the farm of the excise of beer and ale in London and the lines of communication, at 8,000*l.* a year more than has ever before been raised, without impairing sub-officers' fees, contracting desperate debts, &c. [½ *page.*]

Aug. 7. **117.** Thos. Walker, E. Lewin, and Lancelot Burrell to Council. As you wish us to waive our former offer of 8,000*l.* more than yet received, which has been for some years 50,000*l.* to 60,000*l.*, and in 1665 74,207*l.* 16*s.* 0¼*d.*, and to make a positive offer, we will farm the said excise for 8 years at 86,000*l.*, clear of all salaries and charges, paying monthly, which will be a gain of near 20,000*l.* a year. [⅔ *page.*]

[Aug. 7.] **118.** Answer by Walker, Lewin, and Burrell to each of the objections urged against the farm by the Excise Commissioners [*see* 26 *July, supra*], and arguments in favour of the farming of all excise, urging the advantage of the 20,000*l.* a year offered additional, though only stated at 10,000*l.* by the said Commissioners, and the impossibility of their laying down their farm, after giving security for it. [1 *large closely written sheet.*]

Aug. $\frac{7}{17}$. Paris. **119.** T. Ross to Nicholas. Yours came to me at Thouars, whither I went hoping to bring back young Mr. Stan[ley], whose mother wished me to take him into my care, but the Duchess is resolved to bring him with her a fortnight hence, in her passage to Court, to solicit the release of her son, the Prince of Taranto. I cannot now answer yours, nor write to Mrs. Bromwell,* having only just come from Orleans.

Thanks for the liberty you allow me both for a smoother current of the *King's* business and for communicating to *Sir Edw. Hyde* as well as yourself, but I cannot infringe the least article of trust from those who have strictly enjoined me that what they send should pass through *your* hands only to *the King*, and you know what an aversion *Pile* has to it.

I think *Cooper* (or *Thornton*), on some hint from *Armorer*, has written to *Pile* that he had not communicated freely to you, as had been desired. Pray satisfy both *Cooper* and *Pile.* It all arose from a mistake as to who *Douse* alias *Cooper* was.

I will write to *Hyde* if you can show me how I can do so and yet discharge my friends' injunction, though *Hyde* must think me inconstant, or seeking to gain preferment from him, if he has a voluntary offer from me, after I refused his pressing arguments at this place, and *Seymour's* at London. I would rather remain in this low sphere than rise by base compliance. I will tell *Weston* tomorrow that you have delivered his letter to *the King.*

In England there is much bustle about choosing Parliament men; some counties have chosen Bradshaw, Ludlow, Salloway, Harrison, and Rich, at which Cromwell is so incensed that he has ordered them to give bail to the Majors General of their counties. *My wife* is going to *Dover* to get a convenience for *Mason* to go to the *Duke of York.* I hear from young *Musgrave,* that Mrs. Benson† is become ward to a physician who lately applied to the *Princess Royal* to board with her, and one Bronkard, who is with her, and they are to go with her on her next journey, and be spies on *the King's* deportment.

P.S.—I think Blackman must mean Wildman. [2 *pages; the italics are cyphers undecyphered.*]

Aug. 11. Letter Office. **120.** James Hickes to Robt. Blackborne. I send the enclosed report, hoping you will use some means to make known how the Irish coast is guarded betwixt and Holyhead by the men of war appointed for that service. Excuse me if I have gone beyond my bounds, but I desire the happiness and safety of the State as my own. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

120. i. ——— *to Jas. Hickes.—Four vessels sailed from hence for Chester and Liverpool, two of which were taken at*

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* A cypher name, but the decypher has not been found.—Ed.

† Benson is the cypher for the D. of York. Query, whether by Mrs. Benson Anne Hyde is meant.—Ed.

Holyhead, and the others run on shore. The enemy took all the goods, money, and clothes, and then sent their masters on shore to obtain 50l. to redeem their vessels, which they procured from Mayor Swift, otherwise they would have burnt or sunk the ships. The Mayor, hearing that we had a frigate at Beaumaris, sent out after her, but it was like shutting the stable door after the steed was stolen. It is a pity such things are suffered, to the undoing of so many poor men. Dublin, 6 Aug. 1656. [⅓ *page.*]

Aug. 12. The Essex, Mardike Pitts, near Dunkirk. **121.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I hear from Capt. Sparling that the enemy is not so strong at Ostend as was reported. I would willingly invite them to fight our party, 6 ships, if I could, but it will awe them that we do not quit this place. Send the Yarmouth to Sparling with water and wood, and the Jersey to me, and when it and 2 others have arrived, I will so dispose of the fleet under my command that they cannot get out without our knowing; there must be 12 sail here, and 8 at Ostend, and in 4 months the rogues who have flocked hither will be gone. If this could have been done last April, the pirates might have burned their ships for anything that could be done with them.

I have sent the pilots with Capts. Fenn and Crapnell to sound the Flemish Road, and they are all against the Essex going in there, in regard of her length and draught of water; fourth-rate frigates are big enough for the service here. The taking of the enemies' fishing boats is not neglected, nor anything else to their prejudice. Those at Ostend will not release man for man for the fishermen. I send particulars of the stations of the fleet, how long each ship has been out, and what provisions they have. I want an anchor of 25 cwt. sent out. The weather is bad; I can get no intelligence from Dunkirk by the packet. I fear some subtle design, and our ships being near the town will be in danger from fire ships. When the ships arrive, we will spare a small vessel to keep in all the fisher boats that come out of Nieuport, which would prejudice them much. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 14. **122.** Petition of Margaret, widow of Capt. Edw. or Edm. Phipps, and of Lieut. Theodorus Willey, disbanded 30 Aug. last from Capt. Jas. Synoch's company in Col. Stubber's regiment in Ireland, to the Protector. Mrs. Phipps' husband left her several debentures and accounts for his service in England and Ireland, and Willey has 310*l.* 4*s.* due for service in England, as serjeant-major to Sir John Danvers, and has served 4½ years in Ireland since 5 July 1649. They beg that the Worcester House Commissioners may state their accounts for England, allowing them the same favour as those whose accounts were lately sent from Ireland to England, by the order of 3 July last. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

122. I. *Report on a previous petition of Capt. Edm. Phipps, detailing his sundry services and arrears in England, for which* 676*l.* 11*s.* 0*d. is due to him.* [⅔ *page.*]

Aug. 14. Order thereon in Council granting the petition. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 332.]

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123. Petition of Thos. Herbert to the Protector, not to be further troubled to account for 229*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* received by him and Capt. Ant. Mildmay, and disbursed for interment of the late King. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

123. I. *Account of the said disbursements:—*

	£	s.	d.
For mourning cloth to Herbert Mildmay and 6 others, 10l. each - - - -	70	0	0
The same to Mr. Murray, coachman, and 8 others, at 6l. each - - - -	54	0	0
To Capt. Preston, for coaches, blacks, bitts, reins, and other charges - - -	45	4	4
To Capt. Joyner, for links, torches, &c. -	3	0	0
To 8 soldiers at James', for removing the body - - - - - - -	0	10	0
To soldiers at Windsor Castle for removing the corpse from the chariot to the bed-chamber - - - - - -	5	0	0
To 12 soldiers for removing the corpse thence, and for Mr. John Harrison's hangings, the Dean's hall, &c. - -	7	0	0
To Nich. Harrison for 3 days' service and for putting the body into Henry VIII.'s vault - - - - - - -	0	10	0
To Henry Jackson for making the grave -	0	10	0
To Sam. Clench for breaking up Edward IV.'s vault and 2 other places in the choir, and for making up the earth with lime, sand, &c. - - - - - -	0	18	0
To Widow Pullifant for keeping [St. George's] chapel door, 3s. 6d.; and to Isaac, the sexton, for 3 days' attendance, 2s. - -	0	5	6
To Edw. Morton, Master of the Heart at Windsor, for 5 meals for all our company - - - - - - -	10	7	0
To him for bread, beer, wine, and fire -	7	8	0
Supper at Charing Cross for all the company returned from the burial - -	2	17	8
To John George for perfumes - - -	0	1	0
Mr. Lewyn, for beer and wine for the company from 11 to 15 Feb. - - -	2	17	4
To Capt. Joyner for meat for 4 meals at Whitehall, till the dissolution of the household - - - - - -	5	19	8
To Mrs. Atkinson for washing the table linen	0	8	0
The remaining payments are for food, fire, and horse hire.			
Total	229	5	2

With certificate by Maj.-Gen. Thos. Harrison that he has audited the account, and got the receipts, and approves thereof. 8 *Aug.* 1649. [1½ *pages.*]

Aug. 14. Order on the above petition that Council approve the account, and that it be allowed. [*I.* 77, *p.* 333.]

Aug. 14. **124.** Petition of Dorothy, wife of Capt. Rob. Harding to the Protector. I am entitled to a statute of 1,000*l.* acknowledged by the late Sir Phil. Knyvett to his son Philip, to whom I, as chief creditor, am administratrix, and by a legal order in Feb. 1651–2 lands were assigned me till the 1,000*l.*, with costs and damages, was paid. Hugh Audley bought Sir P. Knyvett's lands, and kept back part of the purchase money to pay me, but he detains it, and receives the rents, and sues me and my husband (who is in your service in Ireland), and has vexed me with numerous suits, to the cost of 500*l.*, refusing arbitration, though men learned in law report my right to the 1,000*l.* Sir P. Knyvett is a convicted Papist, and part of his estate in Audley's hands was brought into the Treasury through my husband, and Audley had concealed 3,000*l.* of the estate, which I discovered with my own 1,000*l.* Rather than contend longer with such an adversary, I lay myself at your feet, like the woman in 2 *Kings* viii. 5, 6. I beg an order for my 1,000*l.*, with allowance for money already brought in, as given to others in like case. [⅔ *page.*]

Aug. 14. Reference thereon by Council to any 3 members of Council, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 334.]

Aug. 14. **125.** Petition of John Ufflett to the Protector. In 1649 I was appointed one of the Committee of Accounts; I spent 4 years in the service, neglecting my own affairs, and our services were so valued that Parliament voted us 200*l.* a year each. Having had losses by sickness, fire, and robbery, I have had to mortgage my estate, and my liberty is subject to the will of my creditors; I beg 100*l.* for present maintenance, and an order for 1,000*l.* out of discoveries to be made by me. [¾ *page.*]

Aug. 14. Reference thereon to any 3 members of Council, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 334.] *Annexing,*

126. *Report thereon that he should be allowed* 500*l. out of* ½ *the discoveries to be made by him.* [⅔ *page.*]

Aug. 14. **127, 128.** Petition of the Society of Lincoln's Inn, and of divers inhabitants of quality about the neighbouring fields, to the Protector. These fields lie between London and Westminster, and there has always been free passage through them for recreation and exercise, they being the only place left unbuilt thereabouts. But of late Wm. Newton, on a patent from the late King, built on part of the fields, on pretence of laying open and beautifying the rest, whereas such buildings are prohibited by proclamation, and are become the very pest of the city. Lately Horatio Moore, Jas. Hooker, and others claiming under Newton, have prepared a great store of bricks, &c., for building on the fields, and have posted bills inviting men to take leases of the fields and build thereon, taking advantage of the absence of the judges on their circuits. We beg a stay of the buildings till the justices inform you of the inconvenience therefrom, and till the legality thereof be examined. With reference thereon to Council. 5 Aug. 1656. [1 *sheet, with* 6 *sheets of original signatures, some by mark.*]

Aug. 14. Order thereon that there be a stay of building in Lincoln's Inn Fields and St. James's Fields on any new foundations, and of proceedings on buildings begun, the justices of peace for Westminster to take care thereof. Also that counsel prosecute those who have ordered new buildings on new foundations in London and Westminster; Gabriel Beck to see to the business. Approved 14 Aug. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 334-5.]

Aug. 14. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The 5,000*l.*, part of the collection for the distressed Protestants in Piedmont, formerly put into Mr. Moreland's hands, to be by him distributed amongst the said Protestants, as the former sums have been.

4. The list presented by Mr. Secretary of persons to be inserted into the charter for the corporation of Colchester, co. Essex, as the first officers of the corporation on their new charter, referred to any 3 of the Council, to consider of the persons, and report; Wolsley to take charge thereof.

5. The same Committee to consider the list of persons to be inserted into the new charter for the borough of St. Alban's, co. Herts, as first officers therein.

6. Order on report from the Committee on the Charter for Woodstock, to advise a new charter, confirming the privileges granted by the former, with this alteration:—That their cognizance, of suits and pleas within the borough be reduced to sums under 10*l.* and with the addition of 2 fair days yearly on Whit Tuesday and All Saints' Day.

7. Col. Matt. Allured to be committed to the Isle of Man.

8. Col. Nath. Rich to be committed prisoner to Windsor Castle.

9. Col. Edw. Salmon and the Jamaica Committee to speak with Sir Wm. Vavasour about security that the persons apprehended and secured by the Majors General and Commissioners on the 4th head of their orders, and delivered to him for the King of Sweden's service, be so disposed of as to prevent prejudice to the State, and on their being satisfied, to allow him 1,000 of them for the said service. For others so apprehended, they are to treat with merchants to transport them to the English plantations in America, or some parts beyond seas, on security not to return without leave. The said Commissioners are to correspond with the Majors General in order to the performing of this service.

10. The Majors General are to send to the said Committee a list of all apprehended and secured, on which the Committee are to prepare resolutions, and before they execute them, to send to Council

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the names of those comprehended in any of the lists whom they judge fit to be transported, that further order may be given if Council see cause.

19. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers at the Tower to deliver out of the stores to Capt. Gregory Butler 300 iron shot for 6 iron guns lately ordered to be sent him. Approved in person.

21. The petition of Wm. Booth, for the officers and soldiers under command of Col. Jervais Benson in Westmoreland, referred by his Highness to Council, referred to Lambert, Wolsley, and Strickland, to report.

22, 23. The petition of John Markham for exemption from the decimation tax referred to the Major General and commissioners of co. Middlesex, and that of Thos. Prestwich, of Holme, co. Lancaster, referred to those for co. Lancaster, to act according to justice. Approved 13 Sept. and 4 Oct.

24. John Woodiat, Fras. Hull, Rich. Nicholetts, Benj. Mason, and Robt. Weaver added to the Commissioners for ejection of scandalous Ministers in co. Hereford, and to exercise full powers as such.

25. Jonathan Smith, John Sumer, and Rich. Harrison added to the list of ministers named in an Ordinance for ejection of scandalous and insufficient Ministers and schoolmasters in co. Hereford, to exercise full powers.

26. The quorum of the Council in Scotland reduced to 3. Approved 19 Aug.

27. Jones, Wolsley, Pickering, Rous, and Skippon added to the Scotch Committee.

29. The petition of Mary, relict of John Barfoote, late of Lamborne, co. Essex, and a certificate from the Commissioners for securing the peace in the county, referred to the Major General, and the said Commissioners, to discharge her from decimation or otherwise, as they think meet.

30. A letter from Lord Broghill, dated Edinburgh, Aug. 7, 1656, concerning satisfaction to persons included in the proclamation touching Lord Dedhope's estate, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

37. The companies of foot lately raised at Yarmouth to be taken into pay with the rest of the Militia forces in co. Norfolk, and put into the establishment, and warrants to be issued for their payment accordingly. Approved 13 Sept.

38. Order—on a representation from Simon Unwyn, Rich. Dermott, Sam. Dickenson, and other inhabitants of the hamlet of Talk, in Audley parish, co. Stafford, that the high road leading from Newcastle-under-Lyne towards Lawton Town and Lawton Yate, in co. Cheshire, and running through Talk, is in great ruin and hardly passable in several places; and that the charge of repairing it will be so great that all the inhabitants of the parish must contribute as they ought by the Ordinance for the Repair of Highways, and by an order on that Ordinance by 4 justices of peace for the county; that

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the inhabitants of Talk, though but ¼ of the parish, have contributed 24*l.* this year, and will give more if needful, but that the other ¾ of the parish have not contributed—that the nearest justices of peace for co. Stafford inquire if this is true, and if so, cause the road to be repaired, and the rest of the parish to pay their fair proportion towards it. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 328–336.]

Aug. 14. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the respective Majors General. His Highness and Council hearing that, notwithstanding the directions given you and the Commissioners on the 4th head of the order concerning the apprehending and disposing of dangerous persons, rogues, vagrants, &c., who follow no honest calling, there has been no result from the order, but rather an increase of such persons, and being sensible that were it carried into effect, it would conduce to the prevention of the many robberies and murders which are daily committed, they earnestly recommend you to arrest all such persons, and they have appointed a committee to treat with merchants to send them speedily out of the country.

You are therefore required to send speedily a list of such as you have already apprehended under the order, and to use great despatch in apprehending such as are still at large, and return their names to the said Committee, and convey them under charge of the army forces or new militia to such ports as shall be assigned by the said Committee, with whom you are to keep a correspondence. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 330–1.]

Aug. 14. **129.** Bond of Sir John Conyers in 2,400 guldens for payment of the ransom of Edward Visct. Conway and Kilultagh, taken at sea by the Ostenders [*Dutch*]. With request by Pierre de la Bistrate to Lord Conway to pay the amount, being 443 livres to Abr. Dolins, jun., Middleburg, 15 Dec. 1656 [*French*], and receipt by Dolins in full of the amount of this bond of 255*l.* 17*s.* 0*d.* 14 Feb. 1656–7. [2 *pages.*]

Aug. 14. **130.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I was this week at Oxford, where you were kindly remembered. We are choosing burgesses apace, but many not pleasing to Westminster Hall. We must look about us, for we are jealous that France and Spain are in hopes of an accord. All our Committees cease till Parliament. It is much doubted they will prove fruitless.

P.S.—I have received and forwarded your enclosures. Mr. Langbaine has got a little Gerard. Let your bookseller there send me the books and 12 to 20 copies of Placens' De Peccato Adamis. I will pay him in books or money, and they shall be sent as cheap as I can. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 18. London. **131.** Jeffery Northleigh to Williamson. I send you 90*l.* for my cousin, Rich. Lowther, though I have not got his father's order. Please acknowledge receipt. If you travel further, Sir John would like his son to return. All Richard's friends are well, and wish him well. [½ *page.*]

Aug. 18. The Essex, Mardike Pitts. **132.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have received the anchor, &c., and when I get 3 other ships, I will order them into the Flemish Road, which will be much terror to the

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enemy, and wholly cut off their fishing trade. On the arrival of the Yarmouth I will give the command to Capt. Mackey. I have recalled 2 ships from the Flemish Roads, as the enemy have made many flourishes as if they would come out, but I suppose they are not all ready. Last Lord's Day they made many fires all along the coast of Flanders and fired a great many guns, but I do not know its meaning.

There are a great number of ships to come out next spring [tide], and I believe they intend to break through with all their great ships, quit the place, and go southerly. I cannot get any intelligence from the town. They keep a very strong guard of horse and foot all along the coast, and are so fearful of us that I cannot get a fishing boat, as they fish in the Splinter under command of the guns. The firing or sinking of any ships in the harbour would be to no purpose, as it ebbs dry, and they have a boom across the harbour, so that a boat cannot go near the ships. I think if 2 or 3 large old ships were sunk at the mouth of the Splinter to the westward, and close to the wooden fort, it would wholly spoil the place and much annoy them, but the year is too far spent. Small clean vessels would be of great use to keep in their fishing boats, and to follow the small men-of-war amongst the sands. The enemy have not done any mischief in coming in or out since I have been here, and I have done my best to hinder them. I believe if they could be kept in another month, many of their men would leave. Capt. Sparling will look after the Iceland fishermen. Let the Taunton and Dartmouth be hastened out. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

132. I. *Account of the* 12 *ships of the Flanders squadron, their stations, victualling, &c.* [1 *column.*]

Aug. 18. The Essex, Mardike Pitts. **133.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to Robt. Blackborne. The enemy have kept very close ever since we have been here, and have strongly guarded their coasts, both with horse and foot, and it is their advantage that they can fight us when they please, and not before. I wish some course had been taken earlier, but the state of affairs would not permit. The enemy can get men no longer than they get purchase, which prevented, they would be soon gone. We have had very bad weather already, and as it is a very dangerous coast to ride upon, much care lies on me both by night and day. [⅔ *page.*]

[Aug. 19.] **134.** Petition of John Sanderson, Wm. Donne, Thos. Jackson, and Wm. Coape, for the hackney coachmen, to the Committee for Petitions. His Highness referred our former petition to his Privy Council, who have with much patience examined the abuses complained of, and suspended proceedings against us; yet this notwithstanding, several of us have been indicted, and on 11 Aug. Wm. Donne was put to 6*l.* expense, and others of us are threatened. We therefore beg speedy relief. 42 signatures. [1 *page, copy.*] *Annexing,*

I. *List of the petitioners,* 40 *names, coinciding with the preceding, a few excepted.*

II. *Request that as the Lord Mayor and Aldermen have by law nothing to do with Westminster, the execution of the*

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Ordinance may be suspended in Westminster till further order, and that the justices of peace at Westminster may see to the regulation of hackney coaches there. [⅔ *page.*]

[Aug. 19.] **135.** Statement, that the Ordinance orders all persons admitted as hackney coachmen to pay 40*s.* towards the company's stock on their admission, but that the overseers compel a payment of 50*s.* or 5*l.*, though some of themselves paid nothing, and most of them only paid lately. The Ordinance limits the number to 200, but there are 300, and many would not have set up had the overseers done their duty. They have also broken their oath to punish offenders without favour or displeasure. With numerous cases in which Treasurer Bray took bribes to wink at persons driving who did not belong to the company, and to admit them, which he has not yet done. Also cases in which the overseers spoke against the Protector and Government, and said they were resolved to keep out the Parliament soldiers. Also that they presented Sir Chris. Pack with a piece of plate to stand their friend. [3½ *sheets.*]

Aug. 19. **136.** Remonstrance of the present overseers of the hackney coachmen. The Protector and Council limited the number of coachmen within 6 miles of London and Westminster to 250, the coaches to 300, and the horses to 600, leaving their government to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, who made by-laws, and obliged the overseers, on their oath, to keep them.

This notwithstanding, several tradespeople have set up coaches and horses to hire, and others, who were dismissed for neglect of the by-laws, have continued to drive, and by our endeavour to reduce them, we have causelessly incurred complaints and odium. We beg to specify the principal actors in this great disturbance, against whom we can prove charges of speaking against Government and other offences, *viz.*—

Wm. Donne, Thos. Jackson, and John Sanderson; also Rich. Locke, and many others who have had to give security to Maj.-Gen. Berkstead, as having been of the late King's party.

We have never received a penny of the complainants' money, their fines and compositions have been moderate, and paid to the use of the fellowship. We have acted entirely on the Ordinance and by-laws, nor have we arrested any since the cause was heard before Council, except such as have been indicted at common law for nuisances, though Donne has arrested one of our servants. The power of admission is not with us. Our opponents try to take the bread out of the mouths of the ancient coachmen, while we, by the annexed petition, prayed the Protector and Council to admit them by increasing the number of coachmen. We beg, however, that none may be allowed to drive unless bred thereto, and that to prevent future contests, the government of hackney coachmen may rest as first established. 8 signatures. [2½ *sheets.*]

[Aug. 19.] **137.** Report by the Committee of Council on the hackney coachmen. Having heard both sides, we find that the overseers have taken money on the promise of admittance from persons who have not been admitted, and have used great extremities against others, by arrest and seizure of coaches and horses, and therefore until the business can be settled, we think a letter should be written to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to release those now in prison, and restore the coaches and horses seized, or the money for which they were sold, and to refrain from further prosecutions on the by-laws. Signed by Pickering and Strickland. [1 *page.*]

137. I. *Note that Thos. Scott was committed by the overseers 9 Aug., and Wm. Osborne 11 Aug. Also that Rich. Smith's 2 horses, worth 25l., and Alex. Lindridge's and Mrs. Bartlett's coaches, with 2 horses, each worth 30l., have been taken from them by the overseers.* [⅔ *page.*]

137. II. *Alex. Lindridge, a poor soldier, to Lord* [*Deputy*] *Fleetwood. I was wounded at Tredagh, and have served both in Scotland and England, and having no trade, I became a coachman, conceiving myself capable, on his Highness's Ordinance for Soldiers, to follow trades. But Benj. Fleming, one of the company, has taken away my coach and horses for working, so that without favour of Council, I and my wife and children will be utterly ruined. The case is now before Council.* 4 *Aug.* 1656. [3 *pages.*]

Aug. 19. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Lord Mayor. Council find something in the by-laws for hackney coachmen that should be reformed, and therefore intend to revise them. Meantime you and the aldermen are to stay all prosecutions upon these laws till further order. As several complaints have been made to Council, by some that they have been unjustly prosecuted, by others that they have been rigorously dealt with on the said by-laws, and as some of these persons are in prison, and others have had coach and horses taken away, Council desires you to consider how such cases, in respect of their poverty, may be relieved, and to give orders accordingly. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 926–7.]

Aug. 19. **138.** Petition of Daniel Winn, mews-keeper, to the Protector. Has been at large expense in providing fire and candles for the Horse Guard in the Mews, and has not received any money for it since 21 May 1655. Has borrowed so much that he cannot tell where to borrow any more, and is in danger of arrest and imprisonment. Was put in by Lord Fleetwood's commission 5 years ago last April, and was paid first out of the contingent money of the army, and afterwards, was ordered to be paid by Mr. Frost. Has applied to many officers of the army for 9 months to get an order from Council to Mr. Frost, without success, and he and his family are put to great straits. Having his bills examined by Mr. Surveyor Embree, by appointment of Lord Lambert, begs speedy payment, an order for passing his accounts at the end of every quarter, and information where he is to receive his money. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 19. **139.** Like petition to Council to the same effect. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 19. Order for a warrant for payment to him from the Exchequer of 140*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.* in discharge of his bills up to 18 Aug. 1656. [*I.* 77, *p.* 337.]

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Aug. 19. **140.** Petition of the inhabitants of Sheffield, co. York, to the Protector, for an augmentation for their laborious and faithful pastor, Jas. Fisher, a burning and shining light in that most populous place, and the country about, having at least 5,000 people for his constant auditory, his maintenance being but 20*l.* a year, and his augmentation 40*l.*, and he having many children. 5 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 19. Order in Council that the Trustees for Ministers settle on him 30*l.* a year more. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 339.]

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1. The draft of a letter to the States General read, and committed to Wolsley and Thurloe to amend, according to the present debate.

3, 4. Approval of augmentations by the Trustees for Ministers of 50*l.* a year to the minister of Daventry, co. Northampton, and of 25*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* to that of Kirkthorp, Warmfield, and Heath, co. York.

6. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners, that though the Customs' Commissioners were ordered, on May 29 1656, to permit export of such quantities of powder to parts not in hostility as the Admiralty Commissioners should certify, entries for powder are refused, unless the merchants exporting it pay the custom, as the order specifies no exemption from duty—that the Customs' Commissioners pass the powder custom free.

7. Mr. Embree to order the building of a stable in the yard at Whitehall, for the use of his Highness's Lifeguard.

8. Order that the draft of the commissions and instructions considered by Council, and resolved to be issued,—for surveying and seizing the estates of all delinquents, and also $\frac{2}{3}$ of those of recusants, certified by the Sequestration Commissioners into the Court of Chancery, and thence transmitted by *mittimus* into the Court of Exchequer, and also for contracting for leases of the premises—be sent to the Attorney-General, who is to direct his warrant to the Lord Protector's Remembrancer of the Exchequer, or the Treasurer's Remembrancer, as the case requires, to make and issue to all the counties of England and Wales the said commissions and instructions under the Exchequer seal, to be directed to persons whose names are herewith sent him.

9. Order on a certificate from Rice Vaughan, Ralph Hall, and Rich. Sydenham, 3 of the Committee appointed to receive the informations touching reprizes allowed by the Drury House Trustees without sufficient warrant,—of the reasons why they could not effect the work within the 14 days limited, and that they had received answer from some of the Trustees concerning 2 reprizes thereunto annexed, which, with their answer, was also read—that the said Committee deliver to the Trustees a copy of the charge exhibited by Mr. Jervis concerning other reprizes charged to be unwarrantably allowed by them, and receive their particular answers thereunto, which the Committee are to certify, that further order may be taken.

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11. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to add 20*l.* to the 30*l.* a year already ordered as an augmentation to the lecturer of Dedham [co. Essex].

13. Neither Council nor the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to order any fresh augmentations for one month.

14. To advise an order to pay Peter Blondeau a pension of 100*l.* a year.

15. A quantity of the Portugal money, worth 2,000*l.*, and the gold brought over with it, to be coined in the Mint by Blondeau.

18. Approval of an order of Thursday last. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 336–340.]

Aug. 20. **141.** Cor. Cooke to Col. Jones. Being unable to obtain access to you, I write to say that I am a creditor to the late King for 136*l.* for meat and drink. I had a warrant 4 years ago from the Trustees empowered by Parliament to pay, and was first in the list, but when the money came from Scotland, it was taken out of their hands. I have spent an alderman's estate in the service of Government. You say none are to be paid above 40*l.*, and I am not poor enough, yet I would give 1,000*l.* to change estates with some to whom you have paid 200*l.* You will have fewer friends if this be their reward. Pray tell me positively whether you will pay me, that I may petition his Highness or Parliament. I know not what power can take the money appointed me by law, and dispose it to whom they please. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 21. **142.** Petition of the surveyors of the forests of Needwood, Kingswood, Ashdown, Sherwood, and Enfield, to the Protector. You commissioned us for this work, and we promised to be in readiness, but we know not what daily allowance is intended us, and our clerks, and messengers, during the work, or how it is to be paid, or when we are to enter on our employment, the incident charges of which will need money at the first entrance. We therefore beg to know your pleasure in these particulars. 15 signatures. [1 *sheet.*]

Aug. 21. Order thereon in Council that the surveyors have 15*s.* a day each when employed, with disbursements for clerks, messengers, and men to carry their chains, and the Trustees for sale of the Forests are to give warrants to their treasurers, who are to pay the said sums, and the Commissioners are to proceed forthwith to execute their instructions. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 344.]

Aug. 21. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Rob. Busby, Hum. Frodsham, John Burbidge, and Wm. Roome, now in gaol at Northampton, and condemned at the last assize for coining, to be reprieved for 3 weeks, and the sheriff of the county to forbear their execution, but to keep them safe. Approved in person.

3. Pickering and Strickland to accompany the ambassador from Sweden at his departure.

4. Order on report from the Committee on Dr. Cornelius Burges's petition, and the report from the Great Seal Commissioners—that

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the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers order payment of his arrears of 400*l.* a year as lecturer at Paul's, until their order for suspending it; and that his allowance in future be left to the Trustees.

5. The Admiralty Commissioners to issue warrants to the Navy Treasurer to pay the wife of Vice-Adm. Goodson 300*l.* on account of his pay.

6. The petition of Marcellus Vandeurn referred to any 3 members of Council, to report.

7. The business concerning the money from Portugal, now reported to Council, referred to the former Committee, to speak with Mr. Backwell, or others, and report.

8. The Committee appointed to state the arrears of the Jamaica forces to consider what sums are appointed to be paid for the officers and soldiers, and to whom, and in what proportions they should be paid, and to certify.

11. The petition of Sir Benj. Rudyard referred to any 3 of Council, to report.

14. Order, on report from the Committee of the names for the corporation of Colchester, under the new charter, that they be as follows:—

Thos. Lawrence, mayor.
Sir John Barkstead, Lieut. of the Tower, high steward.
Nath. Taylor, clerk in Chancery, recorder.

Hen. Barrington,	Thos. Falcott,	Aldermen.
Thos. Wade, sen.,	John Gaese,	
John Furly, sen.,	Nich. Beacon,	
Rich. Greene,	John Vickers,	
John Radams,		

and 24 others named, common councilmen. The present mayor to continue in office till 22 Sept. next, and then new officers to be chosen, to be sworn in on the 29th, the election to be in the mode of the new charter, and all future elections to be on the first Tuesday in September.

15. To advise an Order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Armiger Warner 1,600*l.*, out of his discoveries, for his loss by the impress of his ship, the Diana, to transport Irishmen to Spain.

16. Order—on report from the Committee for Preservation of Customs, on petition of Jas. Taudin, pewterer—that the Attorney and Solicitor-General, and Mr. Recorder of London, report their opinion of the legality of the proceedings against the petitioner.

18. Order—on report from the Committee on the present for the ambassador-extraordinary of Sweden, part thereof being a parcel of cloth furnished by Wm. Kiffin, merchant of London—that Kiffin have liberty to discount 1,200*l.* from the customs of goods to be exported and imported by him, in satisfaction for goods bought of him for the State. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 340–345.] *Annexing,*

143. *Report on which the said Order is founded.* [¾ *page.*]

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1656. Aug. 21. Pres. Lawrence to Commissioner-Gen. Whalley, Maj.-General for cos. Notts, Lincoln, &c. On complaint to Council by the Protestant strangers of Hatfield Chase [*see* 15 *April* 1656], of interruptions from the inhabitants of Axholme, on your certificate of their riotous proceedings, and on accounts from the Commissioners of Sewers, and sheriff, of violence offered to the officers of the courts of justice, and requesting military assistance, his Highness and Council, resenting the evil consequences of such miscarriages, beg you to prevent further riots, to punish such scandalous disobedience, and not to suffer the said inhabitants to keep any arms. Also to order some of your regiment to assist the sheriffs and collectors of the Court of Sewers to execute the decrees and orders of the Courts of Westminster, or of the Commissioners of Sewers, that the improvers' just rights may be preserved, and that the strangers may worship in the place designed. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 342.] *Annexing,*

144. *Order embodied in the preceding letter.* [¾ *page.*]

144. i. *Report on which the preceding letter is founded.* [2 *pages.*]

144. ii. *Letter to the effect of the preceding, but embodying the substance of the following documents, Nos.* **144**, iii.–viii. [5 *pages.*]

144. iii. *Maj.-Gen. Edw. Whalley to Council. On your letter,* [*see* 13 *April* 1656] *I summoned divers witnesses on both sides, and on full hearing, certify that in Oct.* 1650, *the inhabitants of Belton and Epworth, Isle of Axholme, put many cattle into* 800 *or* 900 *acres of the Frenchmen's corn, and kept them there till June* 1651; *pulled down a windmill of John Amory, value* 150*l., and* 84 *dwelling-houses and outhouses. That on* 19 *Oct.* 1651, *Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne, Mr. Nodell, and others, committed a great riot, taking possession of Santoft church, and not allowing the minister to preach. That on* 21 *Jan.* 1655–6, *some of them broke in pieces the windows, doors, seats, and pulpit, and fired at some of the Dutchmen, and this is proved by depositions and confessions.* 12 *June* 1656. [2½ *pages.*]

144. iv. *Certificate of the Commissioners of Sewers to the opposition made by the inhabitants of the Isle of Axholme, to the collectors for distraining the sewers' rates on Epworth Manor; their dispossessing the participants of* 7,400 *acres, for which they are excepted out of the Act of Pardon; their rescuing the goods distrained for assessments by Nath. Reading; their wounding the constable and others appointed to keep the peace; their compelling the sheriff and his company, who ordered them to lay down arms, to fly for life, and rescuing a second time goods taken by distress, &c. Doncaster,* 25 *Jan.* 1655–6. 11 *signatures.* [2 *pages.*]

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144. v. *Information of Geo. Starkey, of Thorne, that several residents in Belton declared their resolution to fight for their possessions, and when he said, "Surely you will not rebel against the Lord Protector," they replied they had rebelled against a better man, and would not care to rebel against him.* 22 *Nov.* 1655. [*Copy*, ¾ *page.*]

144. vi. *Information of John Nodes, of Hatfield, to the tumults raised against him as collector of taxes. York*, 4 *May* 1654. [*Copy*, ½ *page.*]

144. vii. *Information of Mary Usher, of Belton, against Wm. Thompson, Thomas and Geo. Pycock, and others, for threatening words and riotous conduct.* 24 *Jan.* 1655–6. [*Copy*, 1 *page.*]

144. viii. *Tim. Loddington, sheriff, to the Court of Sewers. I attended Mr. Reading to collect the arrears of scots and taxes, but* 40 *or* 50 *of the inhabitants, armed, compelled us to forsake what we had taken.* 21 *Jan.* 1655–6. [*Copy*, ½ *page.*]

Aug. 21 ? **145.** Petition of Sir Thos. Abdy, Thos. Ingram, Jas. Cambell, Nath. Reading, and the participants in Hatfield Chace Level to the Protector for incorporation, according to contract under the Great Seal, 2 Charles, as they suffer much by being under a Commissioner of Sewers. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 22. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Mat. Hale and Serj. [Roger] Hill, Justices of Assize for co. Northampton. His Highness and Council having been petitioned on behalf Robt. Busby, Hum. Frodsham, John Burbridge, and Wm. Roome, who were convicted last assize and condemned for coining, think fit to reprieve them for 3 weeks, that you may certify the truth of the matter of fact appearing against them on evidence, and desire you speedily to return a certificate thereof, his Highness understanding that you have delayed the execution that the prisoners might make application to him for mercy. [*I.* 77, *p.* 928.]

Aug. 22. Whitehall. **146.** Pres. Lawrence to Col. Wm. Boteler, Maj.-General of co. Northampton. His Highness and Council having received several addresses on behalf of the above, and hearing that the judge who tried them has delayed execution, that they may apply to him for mercy, has granted a reprieve for 3 weeks, and written to the judges for information concerning them; but hearing that they were apprehended on your warrant, they desire you speedily to send an account of what you know, and of the evidence given at the trial. [⅔ *page. Also I.* 77, *p.* 928.]

Aug. 22. The Essex, Mardike Pitts. **147.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send a list of the names of the ships at Ostend and Mardike Pitts, as also particulars of the movements of ships of the squadron. I wish other ships could be spared, that the pirates may be kept in this springtide. They wish all our ships were in; their men already leave them. Let 4 or 5 good frigates be sent to ply off Cape Clear, where they may meet with the Biscay fleet of Greenlandmen, who are generally many, and make good voyages. The enemy have a great number of men-of-war about Ushant and the Soundings, but they keep in so closely at Mardike that I have been unable to seize any of them. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 22. The Yarmouth, Ostend. **148.** Capt. Robt. Mackey to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have been waited upon by Sir Jno. Cockerell [Cochrane] from Flushing, who, pretending business of great concernment to impart to the Lord Protector or the Secretary of State, desired a ship to carry him over, but after ½ an hour's discourse, he seemed willing to return to Flushing. His news was that the King of France was to match with the King of Spain's daughter, and to have all Flanders as her dower; that large promises are made to the Scottish King, and that the greater part of England, as also the fleet, are for him. As Capt. Seymour was going to the Downs, I sent him to the commander-in-chief there, to be further examined.

The enemy are daily graving their ships. I have here, besides the Yarmouth, the Tiger, Mermaid, and Drake; we will do all we can to prevent their going in or coming out, but I wish another clean ship could be sent over, as it would be very advantageous to the service. [⅔ *page.*]

Aug. 23. The Dunbar, Downs. **149.** Capt. Jer. Smyth to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Jersey arrived from Ostend is very foul; I have ordered her to Dover to clean and revictual. I send a letter from Capt. Mackey. I have examined Sir John Cochrane, and finding no testimonial to know his real employment, and affection to his Highness and the Commonwealth, I have secured him till further orders. His importunity with Mackey to begone, ½ an hour after he was aboard his ship, occasions a surmise for the worse, but I shall be civil to him. I send his letter to Sec. Thurloe. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

> **149.** I. *Capt. Mackey to Capt. Smyth. To the same effect as his letter to the Admiralty Commissioners of 22 Aug.* [1 *page.*]

Aug. 23. The Dunbar, Downs. **150, 151.** Capt. Jer. Smyth to the Admiralty Commissioners. I sent up Capt. Whitehorne's packet. I received by post 4 blank papers with 10 printed libels, addressed to me and Captains Clarke, Whitehorne, and Eaton, which are so abusive and derisive to the present Government, of such a malignant tendency, and so liable to corrupt and disorder the minds of the seamen and others, if openly permitted, that I have sent them to you; and to secure their coming safe, I license the deputy-governor of Dover Castle and the mayor, White, to stay and open all post letters sent to seamen, that the authors and dispersers of such villainous pamphlets may be discovered, insurrections prevented, and the honour of his Highness vindicated. I will also have the houses in Deal searched, and all suspicious persons examined and secured. Particulars of ships. [1 *page.* 2 *copies.*]

Aug. 25. Yarmouth. **152.** Major Wm. Burton to the Admiralty Commissioners. Capts. Allen and Parker came in for advice how to find or meet the Iceland fleet; I gave it immediately, yet they remained 20 hours, although there was a fair wind, and have this day come back with a storm of northerly wind. The Sapphire came in with a convoy from the Maas, and as many Hull and Newcastle ships were here laden with cloth and lead, that have long waited for a convoy, and much complained for want of one, I appointed her to see them over.

I send one of several letters arrived from Dunkirk and Ostend, by which it will be seen how prisoners break prison daily in England, and go over in the packet boats. Here is a list of prisoners from thence, sent to me to change our Yarmouth men, man for man, but for Capt. Welch, who was taken coming from the Straits, they demand a man of the same quality. I am so much troubled by the women I know not what to do, so I hope the exchange will be effected, if it can be done without disgrace to the nation. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

152. I. *Thos. Wiloch to Jas. Chenney, Yarmouth. At my first coming to prison, by reason of my wound, I got leave to be at a friend's house, but* 8 *days since I was put into prison, and cannot get out till there be a general exchange, which the Commissioners of England and Flanders have been about, but have broken off. We have neither bed nor straw allowed, nor bread nor broth, so that I have to maintain myself. We are extremely abused by them, and meantime prisoners in England break prison, and come over* 10 *or* 12 *a week. But our prison is so strong that none can break out; so they get home, and we are left here, eaten up with lice. The Lords here see their prisoners come home so fast that they do not look after a general release. I have written to Jas. Johnson to ask that he and Major Burton would get me and* 2 *or* 3 *others clear by sending* 2 *or* 3 *prisoners from Yarmouth in our stead. A captain must be sent for me. I hope the magistrates will not be timorous in clearing a man without order from above. Those of Dover and other places do it for their friends and neighbours. If you cannot prevail with them, we may have long enough to wait. Dunkirk prison,* 18 *Aug.* 1656. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

Aug. 25. The Unicorn, Downs.

153. Capt. Rob. Clarke to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have just returned to the Downs. Dispatch of ships. On the 17th I heard of several vessels at Rotterdam and the Brill, bound for England, but kept in at the Brill by 2 Dunkirk sloops, so I sent 2 vessels in to fetch them, and lay off with the Sapphire, examining most vessels bound in, as to what they were. On the 21st we sailed. That morning a Dunkirk frigate came through our convoy, as they plyed off to us before day, and sailed northward; at 9 we espied 2 sail, but too far windward to overtake them. A Greenland man said he spoke with the Dunkirker that took the Cullen, but thought she would go for Dort.

Of the 2 vessels that lay at the Brill, one had a Scotch captain and an English lieutenant; when there, they put the Burgundian colours at topmasthead, the Scotch colours under, turned the wrong way, and the English colours under all, with the cross downward. Capt. Allgate told the burghers, and sent me word of the abuse, and I wrote to the governor of Brill, but the vessels sailed next day.

Several of their frigates are gone northward, and will do much spoil. The masters of the ships that came out with us, hearing we were off Gowrey, requested the burghers and lords at the Brill to stay the Dunkirkers which waited their motion, till they sailed out out to us, but were refused. The Wexford is a mere bauble, and money laid out on her is cast away. [1½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

153. I. *Capt. Rob. Clarke so the burgomaster of Brill. I think it my duty to signify to you the great abuse offered to England by the Ostenders and Dunkirkers riding within your port, wearing English colours in a most disdainful manner, which abuse to the State of Holland would not be suffered in any port in England. I desire you will require a more civil carriage in your port. Had I seen the abuse, I would have ventured hanging but I would have made them sensible of their miscarriage. I hope that a fair correspondence may continue between the nations. The Unicorn, off the Maas,* 20 *Aug.* 1656. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

Aug. 26. **154.** Petition of Sam. Avery, late alderman of London, to the Protector. Thanks for your gracious expressions to me on my late address to you, whereby I am encouraged to send you the true state of the case, begging you to refer it for a report, in order to a final determination, and I send a breviate thereof, which I beg you to consider yourself. I beg restoration to liberty by an order to the warden of the Fleet to discharge me, and delivery of the bond given for my true imprisonment; also an order for payment of the 4,766*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* which has been 9 years due to me from the State, and for which I pay interest to widows and orphans, &c., to whom I owe most of it. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

154. I. *True state of the case of Sam. Avery, being an account in great detail of the facts summed up in the following paper.* [2½ *double sheets.*]

154. II. *Breviate of the above paper, showing—*

(1.) *The advantageous terms for the State on which Avery, Sir Chris. Pack, Rich. Bateman, Chas. Lloyd, and Walter Boothby were made Commissioners and Collectors of Customs, saving* 26,000*l. in salaries, and lending Parliament* 105,000*l. in their greatest necessities and most dangerous times.*

(2.) *That the said Commissioners appointed Avery and Bateman treasurers, and Avery's son Dudley and Rob. Burdet, Bateman's brother-in-law, were appointed to receive and pay out moneys, and keep accounts.*

(3.) *All accounts given in to the Navy Commissioners, or Commissioners of Accounts, or Surveyor-General of Customs, were made jointly by the Commissioners or their*

Accountant-General, and they jointly carried the account books and vouchers to Auditor Beale.

(4.) *All orders for issuing money were directed by Parliament or the Navy Committee to the Commissioners jointly.*

(5.) *Avery endeavoured with the rest to clear the accounts with Beale, till they combined against him, prosecuted him in the Exchequer, and have since detained the books and accounts, kept him in ignorance, and yet endeavoured to force him to account. The iniquity of their proceedings is shown by the bills, answers, and orders of the Court of Exchequer, for seizure of his person and estate, and his committal to the Fleet on a pretended contempt of court, when he constantly appeared and attended on summons; but his heart is well nigh broken by the discovery of the foul miscarriage of his ungracious son, on whom, upon his marriage in* 1651, *he settled most of his estate, and has since paid* 3,000*l. for his debts, and therefore he hopes his son will be made to pay the debt due to the State.*

(6.) *A year ago Avery presented a petition to your Highness for payment of* 4,766*l.* 9*s.* 6*d. owing* 9 *years, for which he still pays interest, and you referred it to Council, so that he hopes speedy favour, that he may serve the State.*

(7.) *Mrs. Huntly, a rich widow, has for many years detained* 5,000*l. due to his son in right of his wife, on pretence of a will made by Mr. Huntly, first husband of Dudley Avery's wife, which will has been questioned, and he begs examination of it.*

(8.) *He often went to Auditor Beale to assist with the accounts, until the books were removed to the house of Chas. Lloyd, another Commissioner, and till he was sent to prison.* [1 *sheet.*]

III. *Copy of the preceding petition, and of another to the Protector, begging release, discharge of bond, and stay of proceedings in the Exchequer, being attached by the Sheriffs of London to appear before the Barons next term, and having given bonds in* 7,000*l. to be a true prisoner.* [1 *sheet.*]

Aug. 26. Note of the reading in Council of the above petition. [*I.* 77, *p.* 346.]

Aug. 26. **155.** Petition of Major Peter Ceely to the Protector and Council, for payment of his losses in the late troubles, amounting to 1,533*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, and his pay at 6*l.* a week during the 22 weeks that he was governor of Poltimore House, before Exeter. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

155. I. *Certificate by Hen. Sterrie, mayor of St. Ives, Cornwall, that Ceely's losses in* 6 *vessels named in which he had shares, which were taken from* 1648 *to* 1656, *with* 200*l. worth of goods lost, amount to* 1,533*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* 10 *July* 1656. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 26. Order in Council thereon that 1,000*l.* be allowed him from the moiety of his own discoveries. Approved in person. [*I.*77, *pp.* 346–7.]

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1. Approval of an order given to pay to Lieut.-Col. Wroth Rogers 300*l.* out of the remainder of the Militia money in co. Hereford, raised by Act of Parliament of 11 July 1650, in satisfaction of all arrears due for service, and in discharge of 300*l.* ordered him 7 Aug. out of discoveries.

2. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of the Mayor and Commonalty of Bristol, and on a report from the Treasury Commissioners, concerning 435*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* arrears of a fee-farm rent of 145*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* a year due from Bristol city for 3 years ending Sep. 29 1650, process being issued out of the Exchequer Court for it; that since the sum grew due for the fee-farm rent whilst Bristol was a garrison, and could not receive the rent, it should be pardoned them—to advise a pardon, and stay of all further proceedure therein.

5. Aldermen Tichborne and Ireton's report on the petition of Thos. Hampson referred to Lisle, Jones, Rous, and Skippon, to consider this particular case, and also how to reduce the general evil of gaming and gaming houses, and to report.

6. Order—on petition of John Bayly for the transportation of John James, Wm. Hack, Fras. Beddus, Thos. Marshall, and John Green, who by order of the sessions at Newgate stand committed to the House of Correction—that the Committee for Jamaica sitting in the Stone Gallery, Whitehall, order their transportation as they think fit, and that the petitioner apply to them.

7. The complaint against the Sussex jury summoned to attend Council referred to Jones, Lisle, Strickland, Rous, Pickering, and the Lord Deputy, to hear the jurors and report.

8. The petition and certificate of Wm. Hamby, of Ipswich, co. Suffolk, referred to Strickland, to speak with Nathl. Bacon, Master of Requests, and report.

9. Liberty given to Sir Wm. Vavasour by beat of drum to levy 200 volunteers for service of the King of Sweden. Approved in person.

10. The dispensation granted 29 May 1651 by the Commissioners of Parliament for reformation of the Universities, and of the colleges of Winchester, Eton, Gresham, &c., on the petition of Thos. Horton, D.D. not to be disturbed in his place of Divinity Professor and Public Reader in Gresham College in case of marriage, unless good cause were shown by the Lord Mayor and the rest of the trustees of the college, which order he has enjoyed for several years without interruption, confirmed, and the doctor to enjoy his place and profits, his marriage notwithstanding.

12. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of Dorcas, widow of Capt. Sam. Hawkes, shewing that at the time of his death, he was captain of the Arms of Holland, and

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that in an engagement with the Dutch, when he was master of a merchant ship in the service, he received some wounds, which probably hastened his death, Gen. Penn having certified that during the whole voyage to the West Indies he noticed him to be in a languishing condition on account of his wounds, and constantly under the surgeon's hands, and wearing his arm in a scarf, and that she is left very necessitous with 6 small children—that Dorcas Hawkes be looked upon in the same capacity of relief as if her husband had actually been slain in the State's service.

13. Order on petition of Wm. Blackett, merchant of Newcastle, for himself and other owners of the Employment of Newcastle—shewing that she was surprised with others who were under a Dutch convoy by some Dunkirkers, and made a prize of; that they have compounded for her with the Hollanders, and she is ready to be delivered when any master shall come for her, and praying licence to bring her home without molestation—that a pass be granted to Weby Cromwell, who is appointed master, to repair to Flanders and bring home the ship.

18. To advise an order to pay Gualter Frost 1,000*l.* on account of the Council's contingencies, out of which he is to pay Ninian Williamson, merchant, 250*l.* owing to him by Col. Wm. Lockhart's order, for his negotiation in France.

19. Order—on report from the Excise Commissioners on a reference on the petition of the master, wardens, freemen, and commonalty of Vintners in London—that a copy of the report be delivered to the petitioners.

23. Approval of 2 orders of 14 Aug. last.

24. The Army Committee to issue warrants to the War Treasurers for one month's pay which is in arrear to Sir Thos. Pride's regiment. [*I.* 77, *p.* 345–352.]

Aug. 26. Chatham. **156.** Maj.-Gen. Thos. Kelsey to the Protector. At the Maidstone election, there was a sad spirit in the county against whatever good you have endeavoured to do. Most of the Cavaliers fell in with the Presbyterians against you and the Government, and the spirit is generally bitter against swordsmen, decimators, courtiers, &c., and most of those chosen to sit in the ensuing Parliament are of the same spirit. Therefore the Commissioners for securing the peace met to consider affairs, and would have written to you, but there was not a full meeting, therefore they requested me to tell you what was in our hearts, *viz.*, that without some restraint we fear blood and confusion. The party give out that they will down with the Majors General, the decimators, and the new Militia. We think there should be commissions dormant to some gentlemen, that the honest party may know to whom to repair, and at our next meeting we will present you with names. We think a recognition may be so penned as to keep out those that are most dangerous, and better that they be kept out than you be forced to turn them out.

All who go into the House should be engaged not to meddle with the instrument of Government without your consent, nor yet with what has been done by you and Council, in order to the peace and safety of the nation. We will stand by you with life and fortune, but there is such perverseness in those chosen that, without resolution in you and Council to maintain the interest of God's people, which is to be preferred before 1,000 Parliaments, against all opposition, we shall return to our Egyptian taskmasters.

May the Lord direct your heart what to do in this juncture, and if Parliaments will not do it, to take such to your assistance as will stand by you in the work, which God will undoubtedly own and carry on, maugre all his enemies. Better perish in his work than look back, having put our hand to the plough. Though the murmurings of God's people, and our unsuitable walkings under the precious enjoyments we have from the Lord may provoke Him to leave us to be overcome by our enemies, and cause us to hang our harps on the willows, and the enemy to ask for one of the songs of Zion in a strange land, yet if the Lord take pleasure in us, He will carry us through the seas of blood that are threatened against us, and the howling wilderness of our difficulties, and bring us to that blessed haven of reformation endeavoured by us, and cause all our troubles to end in a happy rest and peace, when all His people shall be one, and His name one in all your dominions, which is my daily prayer. [1¾ *pages.*]

Aug. 26. / Sept. 5. Paris. **157.** C. George to Williamson. I send you the enclosed. P.S.—Tell Mr. Calander I have sent off his letter to London. I wish you had been here to see the entry of the Queen of Sweden. [*French,* 1 *page.*]

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2. Two letters reported by Mr. Secretary from Capt. John Pley, Deputy-Vice-Admiral of Devon, one to Capt. Hatsell from Dartmouth, of 18 Aug. 1656, the other to Col. Clerke from Exeter, 20 Aug. 1656, and the examination of Lodovicus Martinengas and James Cantius, taken by the mayor of Dartmouth, read this day.

3. Order—on report of a draft of a paper for the ambassador from the States General, by occasion of some misbehaviour of the officers of some Dutch ships in Tor Bay, related in the said letters, which draft was read and amended—that the same be communicated to the ambassador by Strickland, Jones, and Mr. Secretary, this afternoon.

4. Mr. Wheeler and other members of the Trade Committee, attending at the door, were called in, and presented 3 reports from that Committee, one on the petition of John Cooke of London, gentleman, concerning the manufacture of sword and rapier blades; another on the petition and remonstrance of Charles Webb, citizen and grocer of London, concerning madder; and the third concerning the regulation of dyed silk: Order that the same Committee, who considered the former Trade Committee reports, consider these, and report.

5. In the order made last Tuesday on the report from the Committee on the petition of the mayor and commonalty of Bristol, the fee-farm rent to be expressed as 145*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, and the sum to be pardoned to be expressed at 435*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*

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6. The Earl of Devon to pay in 1,891*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, the residue of the 4,000*l.* to be paid by him by an order of 29 July 1656 for his composition, which the Treasury Commissioners are to receive accordingly.

7. The Commissioners for securing the peace in co. York to order 108*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*, received by their order out of the Earl of Devon's estate, to be returned at once and paid into the Exchequer, and the Treasury Commissioners to receive it. Approved 13 Sept.

8, 9. The draft of the following order, on report from the Committee on the Earl of Devon's discharge, approved, and to be given to the Earl on his payment of the 1,891*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*, *viz.* :—

Whereas, according to orders of 18 and 19 July, the 4,000*l.* imposed on the Earl of Devonshire has been paid,—that is 3,891*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.* to the Exchequer, and 108*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* to the Commissioners for securing the peace in co. York,—the said Earl is hereby discharged from all further proceedings on the orders and instructions given to the Majors General and Commissioners, and he is to enjoy all benefits of the Act of Oblivion, and no further burden to be imposed on him by any power, military or civil, but what shall be common to all other good people of this nation. If he desire it, this order may be enrolled in Chancery, and he may have his pardon under the Great Seal, as large and ample as any before granted, and the Attorney-General is to prepare such pardon. Approved 13 Sept.

11. Order, on a report on the petition of Marcellus Van deuren, that the petition and papers be referred to the Maj.-General of co. Derby, to examine and certify, and meantime to require Mr. Ferne and others concerned to pump their water through their own trough, or forbear conveying it so as to ruin their neighbours' works; and if the Major-General require it, Rich. Mason and others are to forbear to fire in the said works, till further order be taken, on the Major-General's certificate. *Annexing,*

158. *Report by the Committee on the petition alluded to.* [¾ *page, damaged.*]

12. The Army Committee to send into the several counties printed copies of the order and declaration for an assessment of 60,000*l.* a month for 6 months, from 25 Dec. 1656, and commend the same speedily to persons in each county fit to distribute them, that the matter therein contained may be effectually executed, and to prepare letters for the Lord President's signature, to be sent to the Commissioners for that purpose.

19. Order—on report from the Committee on the best way to exchange the Portugal money into sterling—that as much of it as remains above what is already disposed of, be delivered by the master of the Mint to Edw. Blackwell, for the like amount sterling, at the rate certified by the officers of the Mint that it will make in the Mint, Blackwell making present payment of the money, and 20*l.* more on every 1,000*l.* he shall receive, according to the rate allowed him for the former parcel, he giving security in his own bond to

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Aug. 28. deliver within 3 months the same quantity of bullion in bars, and foreign specie melted into the Mint, to be coined there; and Blackwell to have liberty to transport the Portugal money custom free. Approved 5 Sept. With warrants 11 Sept. to Dr. Aaron Gurdon, master of the Mint, and the Commissioners of Customs accordingly. [*I.* 114, *pp.* 31, 32.]

20. The order of 21 Aug. last, relating to Wm. Kiffin, vacated, and his Highness advised to require the Treasury Commissioners to pay him out of the proceeds of the Portugal money 1,200*l.*, *viz.*, 1,000*l.* or as much thereof as shall be paid in on account of the coinage thereof, and the rest out of the proceeds of the said money, over and above such part as is assigned to the use of the Navy. Lambert, the Lord-Deputy, Jones, and Pickering, to speak with the Admiralty Commissioners about a convenient sum to be paid for supplying his Highness' household.

21. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider of appointing the Kentish frigate or another to accompany the frigate already designed to transport the ambassador from Sweden that he may have a safer voyage thither, and to instruct it to go as far as is judged necessary for his safety.

22. Council to meet to-morrow, and those in and about London to be summoned.

23. The reports in the case of the regiment at James's and the regiment late under Col. Benson, as also in the case of Mrs. Harding and Major Walters, to be considered to-morrow.

24. A summons to be sent to such members of Council as are abroad for their speedy return to London.

25. Order—on report from the Committee on a certificate from Jas. Stapeley, Jas. Butler, Wm. Merlett, and Geo. Hide, concerning the Jacob of Amsterdam, and her lading, which was stranded near Arundel, Sussex; whereby it appears great violence and disorders were committed by several people thereabouts, in plundering and detaining the ship's lading and spoiling the ship—that as such proceedings are unwarrantable, an additional cruelty in affliction, and dishonourable to the State, being acted on strangers in distress, all the papers be transmitted to the Admiralty Judges, who are specially recommended to take particular care of the case, and on learning the fact, and who have proceeded thus, to punish them according to law, and have justice done, and restitution made to those injured with all possible expedition. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 352–358.]

Aug. 28. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the several sheriffs of counties. As the time for the meeting of Parliament draws near, Council recommends you to make to the clerk of the Commonwealth in Chancery the return of the elections within your county with all possible speed. [*I.* 77, *p.* 929.]

Aug. 28. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Mulgrave, Fiennes, Wolsley, Desborow, and Sydenham. Council desires you to take notice that they have to-day passed an order desiring all members of Council in the country to hasten to town, on account of the many and weighty matters requiring despatch, by reason of the approaching Parliament. [*I.* 77, *p.* 930.]

[Aug. 28.] Warrant [to the Attorney-General] to draw up a proclamation by the Protector, commanding all who have been in arms against the State to depart out of London, Westminster, and all places within 20 miles of the same, by 20 Sept. 1656, as follows:—

We,—foreseeing the dangerous consequences to the public, especially now Parliament is about to meet, of the freedom of access to London, Westminster, &c., of Malignants, who, notwithstanding their numerous disappointments through God's wonderful mercy in infatuating their counsels, and the great grace shewn them, continue to sow seeds of sedition, endeavouring to poison the hearts of the people, and raise rebellion, as appears by the books they boldly publish from time to time,—having advised with Council how to restrain their confluence,—Our will and pleasure is for you to prepare for our signature a bill containing a proclamation, enjoining all persons abiding in London and Westminster, not under restraint, who have borne arms against the State, or encouraged any in so doing, to depart out of London and Westminster before Sept. 12; or if under restraint, within 5 days of their enlargement, on their peril if they disobey, unless such be their place of residence with their families. And we command the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London and Westminster, &c., and our Justices of Peace for cos. Middlesex, Herts, Essex, Kent, and Surrey, and the Militia officers within the said cities, and in the boroughs of Southwark and the Tower Hamlets, to keep strict watch, make frequent search, and apprehend all such persons as aforesaid, whom they shall find, and certify their names, qualities, and particulars to Council, that they may be proceeded against as disturbers of the peace, and contemners of authority.

Also to command the sheriffs, bailiffs, constables, head boroughs, captains of guards, officers, and soldiers, &c., to assist in the execution of the same; and all persons appointed to depart as aforesaid shall depart at once to their places of abode or birth, unless they are ill and cannot travel without danger, or have suits-at-law which inevitably require their presence, and not return within 6 months from the date of this proclamation. [*I.* 77, *p.* 930–2.]

Aug. 29. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Lord President and Council in Scotland. A petition has been exhibited to his Highness by Lady Belhaven and her children, shewing that they are persecuted by divers creditors of James, late Duke of Hamilton, on pretence that Lord Belhaven was bound in several bonds as principal, as well as the said Duke, and by that means would lodge most of the Duke's debts on the petitioners' estate, whereas Lord Belhaven was but security as cautioner, and has collateral security out of the Duke's estates;

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and by the Ordinance of Pardon accorded to people in Scotland, Commissioners are appointed to determine claims out of confiscated estates, and satisfy the creditors out of them by such means and in such manner only as is therein appointed; and she therefore prays that the creditors may resort to the Duke's forfeited estates in Scotland for such sums as remain unsatisfied out of his English estates. Hereupon his Highness and Council have ordered the petition to be transmitted to you, to confer with the judges there herein, and to order suspension of all proceedings against the petitioners' estate till the justice of their case has been considered; and to certify the case to Council here, that if the debts are chargeable on the Duke's estate in Scotland, the creditors may apply thither. [*I.* 77. *p.* 927.]

Aug. 29. Weston. **159.** Sir Fras. Norris to Williamson. I send you 50*l.* I would not have you think of going into Italy. I never heard of so fearful sickness as is there. My wife wrote to Ned to stay him; I do not know how Mr. Whorwood intends to dispose of his son. I am glad of Ned's improvement; I leave you to yourselves about Germany; that and the Dutch tongue are scarcely worth learning. Let me know your intentions.

P.S.—I have not neglected writing, though my letters have miscarried. My wife thanks you for your care of Ned. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 30. **160.** Bond of Chris. Creek, Edward Viscount Conway, and Rob. Long, in 80*l.*, to pay 40*l.* which they owe to Thos. Hamilton and Laurentio Hoyse, on 30 Nov. next. Signed and sealed. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

160. i. *Bill of Chris. Creek, debtor for Lord Conway's ransom and expenses connected therewith,* 454 *guilders* 14 *livres; with receipt thereof by Thos. Hamilton from Thos. Cutler, merchant in Rotterdam. Ostend,* $\frac{11}{21}$ *Nov.* 1656. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Aug. 30. **161.** Note by Col. Whitley. Being ordered by the King, through Lord Gerard, to get him intelligence from England, I sent over an express, who could not find the friends I addressed him to in London because of the banishment thence of the Royalists, so he had to go into the country, which cost me 25*l.* I employed 3 correspondents, to one of whom I had to advance 20*l.* I sent an Indian gown which cost 7*l.* to a lawyer who gave an account of business, and a seal which cost 3*l.* to a doctor, on the same account; total 55*l.*, beside charge of letters, &c. I employed 3 correspondents, who demanded 100*l.* a year each; one wrote 3 weeks, one 24, and one 25. They have gone into the country for want of maintenance, but will return if they can be supported. I beg they may be paid for the past, and sent for to London, and tried for a month without pay, unless the King approve their abilities; but if they are to continue writing, they must have their salary assured. One will give an exact account of the fleet, another has access to Col. Tomlinson, Pointer, and others of consequence, and the third to many persons of quality in Whitehall. Endorsed [by Nicholas] Col. Whitley's note, upon which, the 17 of Sept., there was 300 guilders paid him. [2 *pages.*]

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Aug. The Dunbar. **162**. J. Fowler, Judge Advocate, to the Admiralty Commissioners. When I was on a visit to my relations, I used to have sea diet allowed for myself and servant, but the purser now detains it for himself. If stopped to me, it should return to its fountain, and not to crooked channels. I complain of no one, but I must trouble you in regard to the disproportion of my salary as Judge Advocate to what it was when fleets were smaller, and the trouble and hazard less. I had a common pay allowed till lately, but the Navy Commissioners have now refused to pass my tickets. I was always allowed a clerk, at common pay, to copy, and a servant for cabin attendance, but having only one at present, and intending the entertainment of another, I find it is not freely relished, so have desisted; but what with both, I shall be a loser of 24*l.* yearly, and cannot forbear remonstrating against the loss I am likely to sustain, after 11 years' service at sea, in the greatest extremities of times and danger, and not without loss of blood and fractures, which have so broken my body that ere long I shall probably be compelled to seek a haven in some hospital. Your kindness to myself and others emboldens me to apply for relief. [1 *page.*]

Aug. **163**. Tabular view of the army assessments in the parishes in Polbrook, Navisford, and Willowbrook hundreds, co. Northampton, giving—

1. The hundred.
2. The parish.
3. The taxes at 60,000*l.* a month from 24 to 25 Dec. 1656, as they now are.
4. The present valuation of the parishes, 5 Aug. 1656.
5. The supposed annual rents.
6. The 3 months' tax as it is now levied, at 60,000*l.* a month. [1 *sheet.*]

Aug. ? **164**. Petition of Wm. Astell to the Protector and Council. Abr. Jansen has put in scandalous lines against me, but do not credit him, for he speaks nothing but untruth. I would have vindicated myself by oath before Judge Godolphin, but he would not allow it. Jansen's solicitor, Tappum, is as bad as himself. Jansen so abused me to my landlady, to whom I owed rent, that she turned me out, and I have no home. When I first took the business in hand about these 3 silver ships, the Dutch said they had only 6 months to bring in their witnesses, but they have had 20, whilst 2 of our witnesses died between Jan. and Sept., before examination. The time from examination to publication was 1½ years, and the trial lasted about ½ a year, and then the ships were cleared, Jansen and his wife causing their loss, though my pains were not wanting. Leave me not in this languishing condition, for I have been the chief actor; my partner, Mr. Pembridge, left me 27 June 1653, and took up arms, and I have been at the whole charge of furthering the State's business. Pray remember me as a fellow labourer in God's work. [1 *sheet.*]

Aug. ? **165.** [Wm. Astell] to Dr. Walker, Advocate Hill, and Mr. Wilson. I think it very strange that after all my charge and trouble, you think it no discovery. The ships were sent into the river by the

State's men of war, but only on supposition that they were Hollanders, as they professed to be Hamburghers. Details of the discovery, as before given in Jan. 1653, that the Sampson, &c., were Holland ships. I received 9*l.* 15*s.*, and Mr. Pembridge 13*l.* 5*s*,, but my paper was not put in as a first discovery, but given to Mr. Violet. I did not ask for reward, but for my charges and the loss of my time. My witnesses, Urian Marteson and Roger Thorpe, require something. [1 *sheet, unfinished.*]

Aug. ? **166.** Report by Maj. Oliver Edge and Capts. Jeffry Watson and Thos. Scott, on a reference to them by the Protector, of 24 July 1656, on the petition of Abraham Johnson [or Jansen], concerning the Sampson, Salvador, and George, that Johnson was the first to give intelligence to the Prize Office concerning the ships; that he has been very industrious, and performed good service in prosecuting them, and that he and his wife are very poor. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

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Sept. 3. **1.** Petition of Roger Alsop, Marshal General of the Army, to the Protector. In 1650, during the service in Scotland, you took from me my captain's place, and made me Marshal General, though I earnestly desired to be excused, preferring actual service upon the enemy, but I took it in obedience to you, and you promised me a lieutenant-colonel's pay and preferment. Yet my pay has been less than a foot captain's, and my profits small. I have to keep horses, servants, &c., and have only had the poorer sort of prisoners, who cannot pay for their quarters, nor pay fees, and I am 500*l.* poorer than when I took the employment. I beg a suitable salary, or some other place in the army. With holograph reference to Council. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 3. Order thereon in Council that his pay be increased to 9*s.* a day, and that the Army Committee issue warrants for its payment. Approved in person. [*I.* 77 *p.* 360.]

Sept. 3. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings (in the Garden Chamber).

1. The following 9 regiments to be recruited to 1,200 each, *viz.*:—His Highness's 2 regiments, those of Lord Lambert, Sir J. Barkstead, Col. Mills, Col. Hewson, Sir Thos. Pride, Col. Salmon, and Col. Brisco, and to be inserted in the establishment, to begin from next Monday, the muster master to muster them, and the Army Committee to pay them accordingly. Approved in person.

2. Gen. Desborow to order the respective Treasurers for moneys raised by an extra tax in cos. Devon, Cornwall, Somerset, Wilts, and Dorset, to pay in such proportion as he shall order 5,500*l.*, *viz.*, 4,000*l.* to Maj. Gen. Haynes for payment of the Militia forces till 28 June last, and 1,500*l.* to Maj.-Gen. Goffe for pay of the same till the same time, and the respective Treasurers are to pay the sums as ordered. Approved in person.

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Sept. 3. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

3, 4. The Army Committee to pay 5,000*l.* to ——— for the contingencies of the Army, and to assign the assessment in co. Devon for its payment.

5. Maj.-Gen. Whalley to pay Maj.-Gen. Boteler on account such overplus moneys as remain of the sums raised in the counties under him by the extra tax, giving account to the Army Committee of what he shall pay. Approved in person.

6. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Sir Thos. Pride ——— for a month's arrear of pay to his regiment of foot. Approved in person.

7. To advise a like order to pay to Thos. Simons, graver of the Mint and Seals, 850*l.* in full satisfaction for a jewel he provided, to be presented to the ambassador from Sweden. Approved in person.

8. A gold chain of 100*l.* value to be bestowed in his Highness's name on Mr. Barkman, the ambassador's secretary, and Jones and Strickland to see to it. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 358–360.]

Sept. $\frac{3}{13}$. Paris. **2.** C. George to Williamson. I send you back your bill of change for your endorsement, without which I cannot pass it. [1 *page, French.*]

Sept. 4. **3.** Petition of the inhabitants of Ware, co. Herts, to the Protector, for a settlement of the vicarage there on John Young. On their former petition to present him, his Highness granted it, and promised an augmentation. [10 *signatures ;* 1 *page.*]

Sept. 4. Order thereon in Council for an augmentation of 50*l.* to John Young, minister of Ware. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 361.]

Sept. 4. **4.** Petition of Catherine, wife of Rob. Lesley, and daughter of Edw. Barrett, to the Protector. On 19 Feb. 1627–8 the late King granted my husband and Frances Packington, his then wife, 200*l.* a year pension for their lives. On 2 Sept. 1641 he granted my husband, as brother to Patrick Lord Lindoes, under the Privy Seal of Scotland, all the lands, &c., of the late bishopric of Orkney for 38 years, on rent of 8,000 marks Scots, and both these grants are named in an Act of Parliament of Scotland confirming the grant of the lands in Orkney.

Then the late King, wishing to settle these lands on the city of Edinburgh, granted my husband and his wife and children 200*l.* a year for 38 years, and a warrant for 1,500*l.* from the first money out of the revenue of Scotland, but since 1638, he has received nothing from any of his grants, and is reduced to extreme want.

In lieu of these 2 grants and arrears of 8,101*l.*, we beg a present sum of money to enable us to remove into Germany, where we intend to reside, and to plant and stock ground there. With reference to Council 29 Aug. 1656. [1 *sheet.*]

Sept. 4. Reference thereon by Council to Fiennes, Lambert, Jones, and Strickland, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 365.]

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Sept. 4. **5.** Petition of Rowland Pethy to the Protector and Council. In November last you ordered me 150*l.* from Army contingencies [*See* 16 *Nov.* 1655], but Wm. Walker, the treasurer, says he has no money in hand, and knows not when he shall have, so that after several months' waiting I am unpaid, though I have spent most of the money in wages, victuals, pilotage, &c. I beg payment from the Exchequer or Council's contingencies. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

5. i. *Warrant from the Protector to Walker for payment of the said money.* 5 *Dec.* 1655. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

Sept. 4. Order thereon in Council for the Army Committee to give a warrant to the Treasurers at War to pay the sum to the Treasurer for contingencies that the petitioner may be paid. [*I.* 77, *p.* 366.]

Sept. 4. Council. Day's Proceedings.

2. The draft of a warrant to the Attorney-General, for preparing a bill for a Proclamation, commanding all persons remaining in London and Westminster, who have been in arms against the State, to depart from within 20 miles thence, read, the blanks for days filled up and agreed to, and to be recommended to his Highness.

4. The petition of Lemuel Franklin, preacher at Wotton, co. Northampton, referred to Pickering, Jones, and Strickland, to send for Caleb Stephens, named in the petition, who brought a *quare impedit* to the disturbance of the petitioner—being nominated by his Highness preacher there during the life of Jeremy Stephens, an ejected minister,—and to require an account of his proceedings, and the discharge of the suit, and to report.

5. Order—on reading the petition of John Pocock, and a report thereon from the Treasury Commissioners, and the petition of Wm. Greenhill and Rich. Hutchinson, 2 late treasurers for maimed soldiers—that their petitions and papers be transmitted to the Commissioners for Discovery at Worcester House, to examine the matter, send for whom they please, and report.

His Highness present.

6, 7. Approval of the following certificates from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, for uniting or severing of parishes :—

12 June 1656, to unite the parish of Earnley with East Wittering, co. Sussex.

15 July 1656, to sever the chapel of Holt from Bradford parish, co. Wilts, and to unite the parishes of Great Chalfield, Little Chalfield, and Staverton, with the chapel of Holt.

15 July 1656, to unite the parish of Blackland with Calne, co. Wilts.

20 June 1656, to unite the parish of Washburne with Beckford, co. Gloucester.

15 Nov. 1655, to sever the chapel of Harpenden from the parish of Wheathamstead, co. Herts.

15 July 1656, to sever the chapels of Atworth and Wraxhall from the parish of Bradford, co. Wilts, and to unite the parishes of Manton Farley and Cottle's House and Moxham's House with the chapels of Atworth and Wraxhall.

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26 June 1656, to unite the parishes of St. Peter-the-Less, Pancras, and St. Martin's, with St. Andrew's, in Chichester, co. Sussex.

26 June 1656, to unite the parishes of Runton Holme, Thorpeland, and Wallington, co. Norfolk.

24 June 1656, to sever the chapelry of Stoke Orchard from the parish church of Cleene, co. Gloucester.

12 June 1656, to unite the parish of Climping with Ford, co. Sussex.

Approved in person, except the last, which was approved Sept. 13.

6. 8. Order—on a report on the case of Maj.-Gen. Worsley's wife and children [*See* 18 *July* 1656]—that of the 200*l.* granted, 100*l.* go to the widow, and 50*l.* each to the daughters by a former wife; that 60*l.* a year of the land go to the widow, on her relinquishing all claims to lands by her husband's will, with reversion to the eldest son; and of the other 40*l.*, 20*l.* a year each to the 2 younger sons. Approved Sept. 13.

9. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of several officers and soldiers of his Highness' regiment of foot, now at [St.] James', for themselves and others; shewing that they are part of the supernumeraries disbanded in co. Lancaster in Jan. 1647–8, who had their account stated by the county Commissioners, because being in service in 1648, and in 1650, marching to Scotland, they could not have their accounts put into bonds as their superior officers and fellow-soldiers did; and though their arrears be included in the sums chargeable on the forests, yet they can receive no fruit thereof, because their debentures are not turned into bonds; whereupon the said Committee think they should be so turned—that the Trustees at Worcester House be authorised to receive their debentures, and put them into bonds. Approved 5 Sept.

10. To move his Highness to represent the petitioners' case to Parliament, that some course may be directed for their satisfaction.

11. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of Wm. Booth, for the officers and soldiers formerly under Col. Jervais Benson, co. Westmoreland; that they find them to have been faithful to Parliamentary service, and particularly so on the Duke of Hamilton's invasion, when Parliament was in difficulties, and that they have some arrears due—that the Trustees at Worcester House put their debentures into bonds. Approved 5 Sept.

12. To move his Highness to present their case also to Parliament.

13. Order—on certificate from the Major General and Commissioners of co. Chester, on the petition of Rich. Hunt, preacher at Mary's-on-the-Hill, Chester—that he be allowed to exercise his ministry peaceably. Approved 13 Sept.

15. Order that the overseers of the hackney coachmen forbear any further prosecutions on the by-laws made for their regulation, till further order.

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16. The 400*l.* a year each, allowed 9 May 1654, to Col. John Clerke and Maj.-Gen. Thos. Kelsey, as Admiralty Commissioners, to be continued, though not provided for in the renewal of their commissions, and the like salary to be allowed to Col. Edw. Salmon, Edw. Hopkins, and Major Beake, 3 other Commissioners, from the commencement of their employment, but Hopkins not to be paid as a Navy Commissioner when he is paid as an Admiralty Commissioner. Approved 13 Sept.

17. Lambert, Desborow, Jones, and Strickland, to consider the powers of the Army Committee, fit regulations to be made concerning them, and fit salaries, and to report.

19. Order—on petition of Ursula Thorne, for her mother, Frances Thorne, a widow; shewing that her father and mother were both servants to the late King's children, and therefore had pensions allowed them by Parliament, whereof the arrears amount to 223*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*, and that her mother has for many months lain sick of the palsy and been in great distress, and obliged to contract many debts—that the unpaid balance of the 223*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*, be paid to Frances, out of discoveries made on her behalf to the Commissioners at Worcester House, who are to report them to the Treasury Commissioners, that they may levy the money and send it into the Exchequer, and to certify the same to Council, that warrants may be drawn for payment of the said arrears therefrom. Approved 13 Sept., as reported by the Lord President.

21. The petition of Sam. Boothouse, late Consul at Tunis, referred to Lambert, Lisle, and Strickland, to report.

22. Council to sit to-morrow.

23. Approval of an Order of 28 Aug. last. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 360–7.]

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Pres. Lawrence to Serj. Dendy. As it was ordered, 21 Aug. last,—on consideration of a seditious book written and published by Sir Hen. Vane, entitled, "A healing propounded and resolved, &c.," tending to the disturbance of the present Government, and the peace of the Commonwealth—that if he did not give good security, in 5,000*l.*, by the ensuing Tuesday, not to act against Government or the peace, he should stand committed; and whereas he refuses to give such security, you are to apprehend him, and convey him in safe custody to the Isle of Wight, and deliver him to the Governor. [*I.* 77, *p.* 373.]

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Warrant to the Governor of the Island to receive and keep him in custody, not suffering any to speak with him but in the presence of some officer. [*I.* 77, *p.* 373.]

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1. The Admiralty Commissioners, out of the 30,000*l.* of the Portugal money, for which they have a seal, to lend 4,000*l.* for his Highness' household, to be paid to John Maidstone, and for securing the repayment thereof, his Highness to be advised to order the Treasury Commissioners to repay it to Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer.

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3. Order—on several letters from Serj. [Roger] Hill, late a Justice of Assize in co. Northampton, and from Maj.Gen. Boteler, in answer to Council's letters of 21 Aug. 1656, concerning 4 men condemned at the Northampton Assizes for coining—to advise his Highness to leave the law to proceed against Rob. Busby, Humfrey Frodsham, and John Burbage, but to reprieve Wm. Roome.

4. The Admiralty Commissioners to send for the 7 cannon now at Yarmouth. Approved 5 Sept.

5. Also to order the Ordnance officers to see 2 new demi-cannon and 3 shot cannon in the Tower equipped with carriages for field service, and the Lieutenant of the Tower to see it done. Approved 6 Sept.

6. The Ordnance officors to provide harness for 40 teams of draught horses, and fit 6 close powder waggons and 6 tumbrells for service. Approved 5 Sept.

7. Also to inquire after the mortar pieces sent for the Island of Jersey, and what others are in Scotland. Approved 5 Sept.

8. As by an order of 6 Feb. last, it appears that arms and stores remained in the reduced garrisons, and in the hands of officers and others, of which a list was given by Sir John Berkstead and Major Miller, a copy of which has been sent to the Ordnance officers—order that the said officers recover these arms, and place them in the stores, giving receipts to those who have them in custody, and paying the charge of carriage; Berkstead and Miller to assist in getting them in, and the Ordnance officers to report proceedings to the Admiralty Commissioners, who are to give further orders. Berkstead to call on the Ordnance officers to see this effectually done. Approved 5 Sept.

9. The Admiralty Commissioners to give warrant to the Ordnance officers to deliver to Maj. Miller, major of the forces in the Tower, 6,000 muskets, 3,000 of which are to be snaphances, 6,000 bandoleers, 300 pikes, and 30 barrels of powder, with match and bullet proportionable, to be issued forth by him on warrant from Lord Lambert. Approved 5 Sept.

10. Order—on petition of the Commissioners for accounts and clearing debts and discovery of frauds—that the Treasury Commissioners make to the petitioners and officers mentioned fit allowances, out of the 10,000*l.* mentioned in the petition, when it comes in.

11. Order—on consideration of an order of 3 Sept., for payment of 500*l.* to Maj.-Gen. Haynes and Maj.-Gen. Goffe by the Treasurers of the extraordinary tax in counties Devon, Cornwall, Somerset, Wilts, and Dorset, and on the petition of John Talbot and Wm. Harris, receivers general for the 6 months' assessment in co. Devon —that the business be committed to Sydenham, Lambert, Fiennes, Jones, and Desborow, to certify their opinion.

12. Order on petition of the inhabitants of the parish of Ide, co. Devon, that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers be recommended to settle an augmentation of 30*l.* a year on Rob. Gaylard, preacher of Ide. Approved 13 Sept.

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13. The return made by the bailiff and jurate of Guernsey, on an order of Council of Feb. 15 on Thos. Symon's petition, referred to the Committee on Appeals from Guernsey, to report.

14. The Surveyor of Works to make such repairs about the Parliament House and rooms belonging as the Serjeant-at-arms shall think fit.

15. Ed. Birkhead, Serjeant-at-arms, to make such provision of wood, coal, and candles, as shall suffice for the use of the next Parliament.

16. Mr. Kinnersley, wardrobe keeper, to provide and deliver to Serjt. Birkhead by indenture such hangings, chairs, and carpets, for the Parliament House and Speaker's Chambers as are wanted, and reclaim them at the end of Parliament.

17. In the order of 28 August last, advising a warrant for payment of 1,200*l.* to Mr. Wm. Kiffin out of the proceeds of the money from Portugal, these words to be added at the end, *viz.*: "That in case so much of the said Portugal money remains undisposed of as may satisfy the 1,200*l.*, to satisfy it, or as much of it as may be, and the rest to be paid out of the next money coming into the Exchequer."

18. Order—on report from 2 of the Committee on the arrears of Jamaica officers—that Fras. Hodges, treasurer for the forces, pay to the widow of Capt. Vincent Corbett 63*l.* in full of the arrears certified by their report of 23 June last, and 6*l.* to Mary, widow of Capt. Cooper, in full of his arrears. Approved 13 Sept.

19. Order that the Admiralty Commissioners consider a fit yearly pension for Katherine, widow of Capt. Edw. Baynard, and give order accordingly. Approved 13 Sept.

20. One third of the whole pay to be defalked from the officers and soldiers in service at Jamaica, on account of provisions delivered to them. Approved 13 Sept.

21. Mr. Bowes, and the rest of the Committee to whom the stating the accounts of the officers and soldiers at Jamaica is referred, to state speedily the account of pay due to Capt. Bart. Davis, who died in Jamaica.

22. Capt. Mark Coe, Treasurer to the Decimation Commissioners in London, to pay to Sir John Berkstead, Maj.-General for co. Middlesex and Westminster city, 225*l.* on account, towards 6 months' pay to the officers and soldiers under him.

23. Lambert reports from the Committee on the new college at Durham a paper containing several particulars offered to be inserted into the charter.

24. To advise his Highness to order the Attorney General to prepare the draft of a charter for the said college, according to the purport of this paper.

25. Thos. Simons, engraver of his Highness' Mint, to prepare a seal for the co. palatine of Durham, having the portrait of his Highness on one side, and the Durham arms on the other.

26. The granting of passes by Council suspended for 14 days.

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27–29. To advise that in lieu of an order of Wednesday last, advising a warrant for a month's pay to Sir Thos. Pride's regiment, his Highness issue a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the Treasurers at War 1,074*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* for a month's pay to the said regiment, to equal them with the rest of the foot regiments in and about London; and that the Army Committee order the War Treasurers to pay it accordingly. Approved by his Highness' signing the Privy Seal.

30. Approval of the proceedings of 4 Sept. relating to Sir Hen. Vane. [*See p.* 98, *supra.*]

33. Order on report on the petition of Katherine Lesley [*See* 4 *Sept.* 1656]—that as Rob. Lesley, though he attended the late King during part of the war, was never confiscated, he should, on surrendering his 2 patents of 200*l.* a year each, have 400*l.* from the revenue in Scotland, ½ at once and ½ in 6 months—for a warrant for the said sum. Approved 13 Sept., as certified by the President. *Annexing,*

7. *Report alluded to, signed by Fiennes, Lambert, and Strickland.* [1⅔ *pages.*]

Sept. 5. **8.** Petition of Joan Bartlett, widow, Rich. Smith, and Alex. Lindridge, keeping hackney coaches, to the Committee for Petitions. You passed an order to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen to relieve persons rigorously dealt with by the by-laws, and we attended the court for relief. Your letter was read to us and the overseers, and the Lord Mayor and Court told the overseers that they knew best what should be done. We begged to have our coaches and horses restored, and not to be referred to the overseers, our oppressors. We have long lain under their pressure, and we beg you to order the overseers to return our coaches and horses, or we cannot provide bread for our families. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 5. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Lord Mayor and court of Aldermen. The persons aggrieved by the by-laws concerning hackney coachmen not having been relieved according to Council's letter to you, Council wishes you to send a return of what has been done upon that letter. [*I.* 77, *p.* 932.]

Sept. 5. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Ed. Whalley, Maj.-General of cos. Nottingham, Derby, Lincoln, Leicester, and Warwick. We have considered yours of 23 Aug., and approve your proposal for clearing the gaols of reprievable persons by sending them out of the country; also such other persons as are within your former instructions: and that this may be speedily done, we desire a list of such as are in gaol in your jurisdiction, and their crimes, also the names of such as you judge fit for transportation. [*I.* 77, *p.* 932.]

Sept. 9. **9.** Petition of Dan. Sochon, Peter Bar, Wm. Carbonel, and Thos. Seward, merchants of London, to Council. The Suckling privateer, set out against the Spaniards by letters of reprizal to Rob. Thorpe, her commander, lately met our ship, the Sampson, coming from

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Newfoundland, laden with our fish, and took her lading, powder, furniture, &c., and even the men's clothes, total value 400*l.*, brought her into Dartmouth, and left her pillaged, and that place cannot supply her with necessaries. We beg an order for the forfeiture of the recognizances, and our payment therefrom, that we may not be put to tedious suits in a case so destructive to all trade. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 9. Order thereon that the Admiralty Judges examine the case, and if they find it true, sue Thorpe and his sureties, that the petitioners may be paid out of the forfeiture. [*I.* 77, *p.* 375.]

Sept. 9. **10.** Petition of Marg. Phipps to the Protector. My late husband, Capt. Edm. Phipps, served in England and Ireland, and was plundered and wounded, so that he died, leaving 5 children and many debts, for which I am threatened. As he served 5 years in co. Bucks, when Aylesbury was a garrison, for which 600*l.* was due to him, which should have been paid from monies raised in the county by a Parliamentary Order of 13 Jan. 1648–9, for sale of the Duke of Buckingham's woods in Whaddon Chase to pay such arrears, out of which many were paid whilst my husband was in Ireland, and as Hen. Philips, the treasurer, has a balance of 200*l.* in hand, I beg this 200*l.* towards my debt. With reference signed by the Protector 28 Aug. 1656 to Council. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 9. Reference thereon to the Treasury Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 375.]

Sept. 9. **11.** Petition of Deborah, widow of Step. Love, minister of Haverfordwest, to the Protector. I acknowledge your great tenderness to me and my poor helpless children, but till a manifestation of it, I cannot return to Wales to perform my necessary maternal duties; therefore I submit myself to you. [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 9. Order thereon in Council that a pension for life of 30*l.* be granted her, and that Jones, Skippon, and Strickland see how it may best be settled. [*I.* 77, *p.* 376.]

Sept. 9. **12, 13.** Petition of Mich. Measy to the Protector, not to be obstructed in his right of prosecuting his informations against the merchants of Bristol for export of calfskins [*see* 1 *Jan. and* 8 *Feb.* 1655–6] on which he has expended 200*l.* With reference 14 May 1656, to Privy Council. [2 *copies.*]

Sept. 9. Order in Council negativing a proposal for the petition to be committed. [*I.* 77, *p.* 376.]

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5. The petition of Maurice Thompson for liberty to ship out 100 tons of saltpetre, on condition that he bring in as much again in 8 months, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners to report.

6. Order on report from the Commissioners in Scotland, that they find by a letter from the Council of Scotland, that in pursuance of several proclamations by the Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, the court martial there,—in recompense of an injury done to Benj.

Bressey, merchant of Leith, by the inhabitants of Wick and Thurso in Caithness, who seized and burnt his ship, sharing the goods, *viz.*, wheat and cloth, adjudged them to pay 1,000*l.* before 11 Nov.; but the Council coming into Scotland before the order was executed, the Commander-in-Chief did not give orders for its levying, nor did the Council find themselves empowered so to do; and that 700*l.* thereof is assigned to Capts. Knowles and Green, 2 creditors of Bressey—that the Council in Scotland be empowered to levy the 1,000*l.* Approved 13 Sept. *Annexing,*

14. *Lord Broghill and the Council in Scotland to the Protector. Gen. Monk, in the time of the late rebellion, issued a Proclamation, that English or Scotch who suffered for their affection to the service, should have their damages repaired out of the estates of the wrongdoers and their harbourers, or of the parish, presbytery, or shire where the wrong was done. Details of Bressey's case as above. If sentences given are ineffectual, it will bring the public authority into contempt. Pinkey,* 2 *Aug.* 1656. [2 *pages.*]

14. I. *Proceedings at a court martial, Col. H. Michell, president,* 22 *Aug.* 1655, *as alluded to, ordering also a fine of* 30*l. if the* 1,000*l. be not paid by* 11 *Nov.* [*Copy,* 2½ *pages.*]

14. II. *Report alluded to, signed by Fleetwood and Strickland.* [1⅓ *pages.*]

7. Order—on the petition of Capt. Harley, showing that he has arrears due, having served in the Irish war; that of Capt. Sam. Jervais and 10 other officers, showing that they have served both in England and Ireland, but have received nothing for their English service, because their accounts were left with friends in England, and they could not present them in the time limited to the Commissioners in Ireland; also that of John Pearne and 7 other soldiers in Major Ant. Morgan's troop of horse in Ireland, shewing that they were in service in Ireland in the Major's own troop in 1649, and have so continued, and are to be satisfied by lands in Ireland, and have also arrears due for service in England, but could not present their claims in time by reason of their remoteness, and their certificates being in England—that the Worcester House Committee state and certify their accounts, as directed by the order of 3 July last for other persons in a list annexed thereto, to which their names are to be added. Approved 13 Sept.

8. Order—on a report from the Committee of Scotland, on a letter from the Council of Scotland, on the claim of the Earl of Abercorn to part of the estate of the late Duke of Hamilton—that the donatives charged on the estate being satisfied therefrom in the same proportion as the rest of the forfeited estates, and the heirs undertaking to satisfy the debts on the estate, the heir general and heir in entail be left to interplead between themselves for their right; that the overplus be assigned according to the laws of Scotland; and that meantime, the Earl of Abercorn be allowed 500*l.*

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a year for subsistence, out of the portion at the State's disposal. *Annexing,*

15. *Lord Broghill to the Protector. The Council here, on your reference on Lord Paisley's petition in behalf of his father, the Earl of Abercorn,* 3 *Aug.* 1655, *heard counsel for him and the Duchess of Hamilton, and find that the late Duke William was served heir male of entail to the Barony of Hamilton, and numerous other lands detailed, which are settled on the heirs male of the house; that the Earl of Abercorn is now heir male, and that the entail is not cut off, otherwise than by the forfeitures of Dukes James and William.* 26 *Feb.* 1656, *Edinburgh. With reference thereon to Council* 22 *April.* [2 *pages.*]

15. I. *Report on which the above order is grounded.* [1 *page.*]

9. Order—on a certificate from the Committee for Approbation of Preachers, on the petition of the inhabitants of Winston, co. Suffolk, for John Walker—that on a certificate of his good conversation, they judge him fit for preaching, and that he be permitted to exercise his ministry, the late declarations, instructions, &c., notwithstanding. Approved 13 Sept. *Annexing,*

16. *Certificate alluded to* 8 *Aug.* 1656. [1 *page.*]

10. Order—on there being produced in Council two tallies of money paid to the Exchequer by William, Earl of Devon, on account of the 4,000*l.* due on his composition, according to order of 29 July, *i.e.*, one of 8 Aug. for 2,000*l.*, and the other of 4 Sept. for 1,891*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*; also an acquittance of 25 Jan. signed by Ralph Rymer, receiver for moneys raised in co. York, for 108*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* due 21 Dec., for $\frac{1}{10}$ of his estate at Marton on the Moor and elsewhere, which tallies and acquittance were those named in his form of discharge in 28 Aug.—that the said discharge be delivered to the Earl of Devon forthwith, as an order of this day.

11. The certificate from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, &c., of 10 July 1656, for uniting the parish churches of Foulsham and Themilthorpe, co. Norfolk, into one parish, with one rector to receive the profits of both, and Foulsham church to be the meeting place of the inhabitants of both parishes, confirmed. Approved 12 Sept.

12. The order of Council of 7 Aug. last, concerning the union of Foulsham and Themilthorpe parishes be vacated.

13. The certificate from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 26 June 1656, for uniting into one parish the vicarge of St. Peter the Great, *alias* sub-deanery, and the parsonages of All Saints, St. Bartholomew's, and St. Olave's, all in Chichester city, with one vicar and incumbent to receive all the profits, confirmed. Approved 13 Sept.

14. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of Louisa Houston, for relief to her distressed family out of the arrears of 400*l.* pension granted by the late King to her and her late husband, John Houston, on their marriage—that 500*l.* be allowed her out of half

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such discoveries as she shall make to the Commissioners for Discoveries, who are to examine them, and so proceed that she receive the money. Approved 13 Sept.

17. 15. Order—on report on the petition of Alex. Turner [*see* 5 *March* 1655]—that 119*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.* be paid him out of the ½ of discoveries of concealments to be made by or for him, to be prosecuted by the Commissioners for Discoveries. Approved 13 Sept. *Annexing,*

17. I. *Report alluded to, signed by Lisle, Rous, and Strickland.*

16. A certificate from the Commissioners for co. Sussex on the petition of Michael Jermyn, D.D., read.

17. The petition of Elizabeth, relict of Nich. Cheltenham, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

18. 20. Order—on report on the petition of Dorothy Harding [*see* 14 *Aug.* 1656]—that the Commissioners for Discoveries not only receive from her the discovery of the estate of Sir P. Knyvett, in Hugh Audley's hands, and examine and judge thereon, but enquire whether 1,000*l.* or part of it is owing to the petitioner, and certify, on which the Treasury Commissioners are to levy the moneys, and out of the first 2,000*l.* brought in, pay 1,000*l.*, or what is due; also to certify to Council what is brought in, that a warrant may be issued for payment. Approved 13 Sept. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 375–382.] *Annexing,*

18. I. *Report alluded to, signed by Fleetwood and Strickland.* [1 *page*,]

18. II. *Certificate by Sir Th. Pride and Ralph Ludlow, on a petition of Capt. Rob. Harding, referred to them by the Protector* 18 *April* 1656, *that the parties concerned are willing to submit to arbitration, except Audley, who refuses. Statement of the nature of Mrs. Harding's claim on Buckenham and Tibenham manors, co. Norfolk, on an extent for a debt of* 1,000*l.*, *of which she has only received* 55*l.*, *and of the vexatious suits of Audley against her.* [2 *pages.*]

Sept. $\frac{10}{20}$. Paris. **19.** C. St. George to Williamson. I send you your letter of change. [½ *page, French.*]

Sept. 10. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Col. Mills' regiment of foot, of 1,200 men, to be made up to 10 companies. Approved in person.

2. Maj.-Gen. Kelsey to complete the company of foot at Dover Castle to 120 soldiers, beside officers, and the same to be inserted into the establishment, the muster master required to muster them, and the Army Committee to have them paid. Approved in person.

3. Like order to the governor of Windsor Castle to complete his company.

4. The Admiralty Judges to transmit to the Admiralty Commissioners all the papers remaining in their hands which were taken aboard the Golden Fox of Amsterdam, lately seized in Torbay. Approved in person.

5. The said ship, now detained at Plymouth, to be released, and delivered to the master and Judges of the Admiralty, and the Prize Goods' Commissioners. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 383–4.]

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Sept. 11. **20.** Petition of John Talbot and Wm. Harris, receivers general for co. Devon of 60,000*l.* a month, to the Protector, for discharge for 6,569*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* paid by them at the order of Gen. Desborow to Major John Blackmore, towards disbanding Col. Sir John Copplestone's regiment of foot, that they may perfect their accounts with the Treasurers at War. 14 Aug. 1656. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

20. I. *Order by Desborow to Talbot to pay* 2,559*l.* 16*s.* 2*d. to Major John Blackmore for the forces lately raised in co. Devon, taking his reprize for payment to Blackwell and Deane, Treasurers at War, and promising to forward their receipt.* 12 *July* 1655. *With receipt by Blackmore,* 20 *August* 1655. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

20. II. *Like order to Harris for payment of* 4,009*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*, 8 *Feb.* 1655–6. *Receipted* 12 *Aug.* 1656. [1 *page.*]

20. III. *Accounts by Blackmore for Sir John Copplestone's regiment, debiting himself with receipt of the said sums. Exeter,* 12 *Aug.* 1656. [2 *pages.*]

Sept. 11. Order on report of a committee of Council thereon, that 500*l.* only of the said sum being repaid, the balance of 6,069*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* should be paid by order of the Army Committee to Wm. Claxton, their Treasurer, to be paid to Talbot and Harris. Approved 13 Sept. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 388, 396.]

Sept. 11. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Peter Blondeau to coin 2,000*l.* of the bullion to be brought in by Edw. Backwell, who is to have the whole residue of the Portugal money, instead of coining 2,000*l.* of that money, as ordered 19 Aug. last.

4. For his accommodation in this coining, the Wardens of the Mint are to put him in possession of that house in the Tower where Monsr. Biott formerly worked, and he is authorised to use all such forges and tools as are there and such others in the Tower as he needs, and Mr. Simons to prepare the dies, with fitting stamps and inscriptions.

5. Whereas a small man-of-war of the enemy, called the Royal James, attempting a Bristol ship on her way homewards, the master and company made such a defence that they killed many of the company, seized the vessel and brought her into Bristol,—the Prize Goods' Commissioners are to allow them to retain the said ship, guns, and furniture, and from the proceeds the damage done to the ship is first to be paid for, and the residue to be distributed among the master and company. Approved 13 Sept.

6. Council to meet again in the afternoon.

7. Order on report from the Committee on the arrears of the forces at Jamaica,—that Bart. Davis was mustered as Portsmouth in Dec. 1654, as captain of a foot company in Col. Fortescue's foot regiment, and so continued till 20th Oct., when he died, and that his pay, at 8*s.* a day, amounts to 111*l.* 4*s.*, of which 11*l.* 4*s.* for one month has been paid,—that the balance of 100*l.* be paid by Fras. Hodges treasurer for the said forces, to the guardians of his children.

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9. The petition of Art. Leonard, minister, to continue to preach as domestic chaplain to the Earl of Banbury, for the sustentation of himself and his poor family, though 7 years since he was sequestered from the vicarage of Denford-cum-Ringstead, co. Northampton, referred to the Maj.-General and Commissioners for co. Northampton, to report petitioner's qualifications and their opinion.

11. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners, from the proceeds of the Portugal money, to pay Frost 1,000*l.* for Council's contingencies,—the Privy Seal for payment of 30,000*l.* therefrom to the use of the Navy notwithstanding—out of which he is first to pay Thos. Simons the 863*l.* 18*s.* ordered him to-day.

12. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay John Embree 3,000*l.* for repairing his Highness' houses.

13, 14. Order on a report from Mr. Jessop of the total of several bills of the officers of Council, amounting to 1,083*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.*—that Frost pay the bills.

15. Order on petition of Anne, widow of Fras. Kirkland, gunner of the Pendragon—shewing the distressed condition of herself and family since her husband was lost in the burning of the Pendragon—that the Admiralty Commissioners be recommended to order her 5*l.*

16. Order on Pickering's report from the Committee on Lemuel Franklyn's petition—of the state of the case, as it appeared to them upon speaking with Caleb Stephens, who brought a writ of *quare impedit,* to the disturbance of the petitioner's being appointed preacher of Wotton, co. Northampton—that the same Committee speak with the Commissioners for Approbation of Public Preachers about passing an instrument for the petitioner's admittance to the said living.

18. Council to meet again to-morrow morning.

19. The report from the Committee of Council for Scotland to be considered first.

20. Order on a report on the petition of the Marquis of Argyle [*see* 15 *July* 1656]—adding to the particulars already detailed that payment of the balance of 30,000*l.* was stopped on the Duke of Hamilton's invasion; that the Estates in Scotland, 16 March 1649, acknowledge a debt to him of 145,000*l.* Scots with interest, and thereon granted him ½ the excise of wines and strong waters, which he requests to have when the excise on beer and ale in Edinburgh expires in Nov. 1657—granting him from 10 Nov. 1657, ½ the said excise, not to exceed 3,000*l.* in one year, till paid 12,116 13*s.* 4*d.* in full of the 145,400*l.* Scots, with interest, and warrants therefor are to be issued accordingly. Approved 4 Oct. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 384–390.]

21. *Report on which the above order is founded.* [2 *pages.*]

Sept. 11. Whitehall.

Pres. Lawrence to Dr. Aaron Gurdon, master of the Mint. You are to deliver to Edw. Backwell, goldsmith of London, the undisposed balance of the Portugal money, he paying into the Exchequer the value, at the price at which the Mint officers certify it will

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make in the Mint, and 20*l.* per 1,000*l.* more, according to the rate allowed him for a former parcel; he also first giving security to deliver within 3 months a like quantity of bullion in bars and foreign specie into the Mint, to be there coined. [*I.* 77, *p.* 384.]

Sept. 11. Whitehall. Warrant to the Commissioners of Customs to permit Edw. Backwell to export Mexico, Seville, and Spanish coin, to the value of 27,658*l.*, custom free. [*I.* 77, *p.* 385.]

Sept. 12. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. In last Wednesday's order concerning the Dutch ship seized in Torbay, the name of the ship, the Golden Fox of Amsterdam, John De Voss, master, to be inserted.

22. 2. Hen. Emily, who was taken into custody by the Serjeant-at-arms according to Council's order of 15 May, for arresting Dr. Owen at Whitehall Gate, where he was coming to attend public service, to be set at liberty.

4. Order confirming the report from the Committee of Council on the petition of the creditors of confiscated persons in Scotland—that having considered the petition, the Ordnance for settling estates of excepted persons, and his Highness' reference to the Council in Scotland and their return thereon, they think the excepted persons whose lands are overcharged with donatives, debts, and incumbrances, should pay 40,000*l.* into the Exchequer of Scotland as a fine, and in full satisfaction for the money already charged upon the fines in Scotland, half of which to be paid by March 24 next, and half by June 24; such creditors as are willing are to relinquish their interest in the estates by force of the Ordinance, whereupon the excepted persons or their heirs may be admitted to their respective estates free from confiscation, if they have, either in money or land, satisfied their creditors within the two years now following. And as the donatives have fallen particularly on 2 estates, the Council in Scotland must be requested to call those concerned in the said donatives, or such as have had land assigned them, and acquaint them that they shall be satisfied for this land at the rate of 10 years' purchase; if any are unwilling to reconvey the land, on account of having spent money on building or tillage, a reasonable allowance is to be made them for it.

This order not to interfere with the provision in the Ordinance of Pardon, which allowed lands of 300*l.* a year value to the Countess of Lauderdale and her children by the Earl of Lauderdale, out of his estate, nor with lands or estates lately belonging to Lieut.-Gen. John Middleton and confiscated, which lands shall not be affected by this order, except that the Council of Scotland be authorized to make a defalcation out of the said fine of 40,000*l* to be paid by the excepted persons proportionable to John Middleton's estate. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 391–2.]

Sept. 13. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Army Committee to assign the payment of the 6,069*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* ordered 11 Sept. to Mr. Talbot and Mr. Harris, out of the monthly assessments for co. Devon. Approved 13 Sept.

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6. Order on report from the Committee on Maj. George Walters' petition—that they have considered his account and seen the vouchers, and think the sums given, being public faith bills and expenses for the army in Ireland, &c., mentioned therein, should be paid—that 4,198*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*, the total, be allowed him in land in the province of Connaught, and the Lord Deputy of Ireland be authorised to set out so much forfeited land there to him. Approved 4 Oct.

7. Approval by the Protector of 33 orders, 24 June to 13 Sept. 1656. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 393–6.]

Sept. 13. **23.** Examination before Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, of Bart. Johnson, of Bridlington, master of the Hope from Dunkirk. Was taken on his voyage home, and carried to Ostend, where he was confined 13 weeks, and then sent to Dunkirk, where he has been 3 weeks confined in an English house. While there, heard Capt. Bradshaw and others say that ere long they should blow these English ships away. Englishmen daily resorted to Dunkirk, including a Capt. Ogle, who dined on the packet boat; heard him state that 60 Englishmen of quality had landed at Rotterdam, and gone to the King of Scots at Bruges, and that 2,500 had enlisted under him at 6 stivers a day soldiers, and the officers at 12. Bradshaw is entertained as master of the Dart, and lately came from the King at Bruges with 400 men, and intends going to sea until their army is ready. He wears a dagger, and boasts it is the same as killed the English agent [Dorislaus] at the Hague. Ships are getting ready now.

Many other Englishmen repair to the King from all parts, and it is reported that great sums of money are daily sent to him from England, that he has great encouragement from the King of Spain and others, and a great store of seamen for the ships in preparation to come out, and hopes to have an army of 30,000 men in England within 3 months. Jas. Watson, of Hull, has been released by the King of Scots' order, and he has also sent to other prisoners that if they will take up arms for him, he will procure their enlargement; 35 have been removed from Dunkirk to the prison at Bruges, where they are very badly treated. Ogle is said to be coming over in the packet with his son William, a lad of 16. With suggestions by Capt. Wm. Whitehorne that if the packet boats were well watched, it might be known who sends money to Stuart. [1 *page.*]

Sept. $\frac{14}{24}$. Paris. **24.** C. George to Williamson, Orleans. I send you 2 hats which will cost you 56 livres, and 6 for the case. I have bought them as I would have done for myself. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

I. *Account with Williamson for postage, baldrics, and the said hats. Total,* 136 *livres; receipts,* 90; *balance due,* 46. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 15. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The clerk in Chancery to accept the return of the election of the burgess for Bridgwater, although it was not brought in within the due time.

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2. Also to forbear making any certificate to the clerk of Parliament concerning the approbation of Charles Hussey to serve for co. Lincoln, till further order.

3. Kinnersley to prepare a seat in Westminster Abbey for his Highness and Council to hear the sermon there on the first sitting of Parliament, as was done last Parliament.

4. Kinnersley and Embree to prepare for his Highness and Council, against the 1st day of Parliament, a seat in the Painted Chamber at Westminster, with a raised degree and rails, as was done last time, and forms for the members of Parliament.

5. Order on the representation of the Discovery Commissioners—that on information from Geo. Smith on his Highness' behalf against Wm. March, gentleman, Matthew Pitcher, linen draper, and Rob. Austin, vintner, they find there are belonging to his Highness 151 pictures and 103 statues of great value, some time belonging to the Countess of Arundel, for which the above persons are responsible—that Kinnersley be authorized to repair to Arundel House with Smith, demand an inspection of the pictures and statues, make a detailed inventory thereof, move them all into one room, and have it locked up, Kinnersley to have one key of it, and whoever is left in charge the other.

6. Order—on report from the Jamaica Committee, grounded on the report of the Committee for stating the arrears of the officers and soldiers in the American expedition,—that Fras. Hodges pay sums specified, varying from 103*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* to 4*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, to widows, orphans, or mothers of officers and soldiers who have died, and to 2 soldiers wounded at Hispaniola. Also 2 months' pay to Clemence, wife of Hen. Hildyard, surgeon to Capt. Jones's troop of horse. Hodges to give also a month's pay to the wives of Jamaica officers and soldiers returned on the last muster, that of 4 March.

Like order for the attorneys or assignees of those who were at the muster of 10 Dec. 1655, they having yet received but 2 months' pay. Two months' pay to be given to the wives and widows of 8 officers and soldiers named in the muster of 11 June 1655, the time of their going on shipboard.

Also to such of the wives or widows of officers or soldiers as went to Jamaica under Col. Humphreys.

Also 1 month's pay to the attorneys of the said officers and soldiers.

7. The order of 5 Sept. last, for a pension to the relict of Adam Baynard, who died in America, vacated. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 396–9.]

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Custom House.

25. Certificate of the Customs' Commissioners to the Committee of Council on Col. Ant. Buller's proposal to import 700 tuns of Madeira wine free of customs and excise; that there is no law against it, and that the customs are 4*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* and the excise 6*l.* a tun, but that the proposal will be prejudicial—

1. In the loss of 3,150*l.* customs and 4,200*l.* excise.
2. In discouraging customary traders who have to pay customs, and therefore cannot sell so cheaply as those who do not pay.

3. In deluding the Act of Navigation, several having used his Highness' favour to that end.
4. It will prejudice the Customs' Commissioners, who are bound to pay 4*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* into the Exchequer for every tun of wine imported. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 15. [London.] **26.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Mr. Lamplugh has received 55*l.* from Sir F. Norris, but cannot procure its return hither. As you are going to Montpelier, I have procured a bill payable at usance. Sir Francis is chosen member for Oxfordshire, and is now here. Private affairs. Parliament is to sit this week. Meantime by proclamation all the Cavaliers are expelled to beyond 20 miles from the city, and 8 or 10 regiments are drawn hither to guard the Parliament. Some think the Protector does not like the choice [of members], time will show. Your vice-chancellor [of Oxford] is to preach before Parliament.

We are troubled that France and Spain have agreed to a cessation [of arms], and some plots are discovered, as is usual at such times. [1 *page.*]

Sept. $\frac{15}{25}$. London. **27.** Bill of exchange from Dulivier D'Arguibelt to André Hebert, merchant of Paris, for 240 crowns, to be paid to Edw. Norris on account of Hum. Robinson. Endorsed, with note [by Williamson] of 105 crowns set down on Mr. Leigh's account, for 2 pairs of pistols. [*Scrap, French.*]

[Sept. 16.] **28.** Petition of John Lovell, gentleman, of Rowdham, co. Norfolk, to the Protector. I am decimated for being in Lyme when it held out against Parliament, but it was only on account of the extreme illness of my only sister, who shortly died. When the town first stood out, I offered a large sum to be freed, but was detained by force. I never wore arms, and though sued in several actions at law, was never found guilty. I have been always well affected, and therefore beg a rehearing of my case before the county Commissioners. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 16. Order thereon in Council that the Maj.-General and Commissioners for peace of Norfolk examine the case in a full meeting, and act according to their instructions. Approved 2 Dec. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 401, 545.]

Sept. 16. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Bowes, [Rich.] Sydenham, and Fillingham, to join with Fras. Hodges in viewing and judging of all assignments and letters of attorney from officers and soldiers at Jamaica, in whose behalf moneys are demanded, and what they shall allow is to be paid thereon.

2. The Commissioners of Customs to permit the 500 barrels of powder allowed on 1 Aug. to be exported by the ambassador of the King of Sweden to pass custom free, and Mr. Barkman, his agent, to be permitted to ship them accordingly.

3. Council to meet at 5 p.m.

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4. The governor of Windsor castle to allow Col. Nath. Rich to walk on the Terrace walk for his health.

8. Order on petition of Sir Gervase Clifton, Bart., that he have license to come to London, and stay till further order, to take physic for the benefit of his health, the late proclamation notwithstanding.

9. The Commissioners for Discoveries to receive, examine, and report to the Treasury Commissioners such discoveries as shall be made by Geo. Adams, late of Bedminster, co. Somerset, to whom 200*l.* therefrom was granted 27 July 1654, and the Treasury Commissioners to certify what has been brought in, that the 200*l.* may be paid from the moiety. Approved 4 Oct.

11. Order that in full satisfaction of all demands by Rich. Barrett for wages, &c., as servant to the late King, 100*l.* be paid him out of half such discoveries as he shall make, which the Discovery Commissioners shall receive, examine, and report to the Treasury Commissioners, who are to levy the money, bring it into the Exchequer, and report, that Barrett may have his half paid. Approved 23 Dec. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 400–403.]

Sept. 17. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

Two passes granted, but no other business done. [*I* 77, *p.* 403. *See warrant tables for the passes.*]

Sept. 18. **29.** List of 99 members secluded from the House 17 Sept. 1656, beside many more that quitted the House since.

Also Sir Ralph Hare and 160 other secluded members to Sir Thos. Widdrington, Speaker. We being chosen to serve with you in this Parliament, and offering to go into the House in discharge of our trusts, were kept back at the lobby door by soldiers. Lest we should be wanting in our duty to you and to our country, we inform you of this, and beg you to communicate it to the House, that we may be admitted. [1½ *pages. Printed in Commons' Journals, Vol. VII., p.* 424.] *Annexing,*

29. I. *Order in the House that the persons rejected be referred to Council for their approbation, and that Parliament proceed with the great affairs of the nation.* 22 *Sept.* 1656. [*Ibid, p.* 426.] *With the Committee* [*of Council's*] *answer, that they have refused none who were men of integrity, and within the qualification of the instrument of government, and therefore his Highness and Council have ordered the soldiers to keep these persons out.* [½ *page. Endorsed by Nicholas, and in the handwriting of his clerk.*]

Sept. 18. **30.** Commissioners of Customs to Council. The late Council of State ordered us 25 Oct. 1653 to take special care that no horses were privately shipped between Brighton and Dieppe, without license, but we find it almost impossible to prevent it, as lately the actors have gone in large companies armed, and abuse and kill such as discover or detect them in exporting horses, wool, and leather. We lay this before you, and beg a speedy remedy. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

30. I. *Deposition of John Carter of Folkestone, customs' officer of Dover, that on information of horses and wool to be exported at Shoreham Cliff, he summoned some seamen neighbours, and they saw* 2 *shallops waiting and* 18 *or* 20 *men on horseback, well armed and with vizards, who, being ordered to stand, attacked and wounded them, and got away by force. Dover,* 11 *Sept.* 1656. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 18. **31.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Private affairs. Dr. Owen preached [before Parliament], and the Protector made a speech of almost 3 hours, which will be printed. We are like to continue enemies to Spain for his life, for he told them that the Spaniard had always been our enemy, and now has espoused the King of Scots' interest, and now he has 10 regiments at command, and Don John has promised 5 more. Of our Parliament men, 140 are excepted against, and not admitted the House. The secluded members have drawn up a remonstrance, asking the minds of those in the House, which is now under debate. Some think most of them will be admitted. They are about an Act that none of the [late] King's posterity shall inherit anything here. We are daily raising men, and fortifying all our seaports.

As to religion, he holds forth freedom for all judgments, and believes there are Godly men of each. He named only the Independents, Presbyterians, and Anabaptists. It is supposed that he has roused a party in the House, and that now we shall have some Acts to purpose. [1 *page.*]

Sept. $\frac{18}{28}$. **32.** Hum. Thorndike to Williamson. Being returned to London after the vacation, I answer Mr. Capel's letter by undertaking what he requires, and desiring him to send his copy. Dr. Walton wishes him to choose the way to send it, but the sooner it comes the better. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

Sept. 18. Lowther. **33.** Rich. Lowther to Williamson. Thanks for your letter. I shall always try to serve you, though during our residence, I gave way to childish humours. Let me hear what course you intend to steer. I saw your father-in-law at Appleby. I am going to London. Dr. Smith lives with my aunt Fletcher, and it is thought they are married. Tully is leaving the college. I am in haste, because there is a public hunt to-day.

My parents present their love. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 19. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. In the order of last Saturday concerning Major Walters it is to be inserted that the land therein mentioned shall be set out and assigned to him in the province of Connaught, according to the rates and rules set by precedent Acts of Parliament for adventurers and soldiers there.

2. To advise that in the Privy Seal for paying 100*l.* a year to

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Peter Blondeau it be inserted that 50*l.* for the 1st half year be paid next Michaelmas, and the Privy Seal issued gratis.

3. Drums and colours to be provided for that regiment of foot of 1,200 private soldiers which Council advised on 9 Sept. to be raised and added to the army establishment, and his Highness advised to order Wm. Claxton to pay 20*l.* out of the army contingencies for providing the same.

4, 5. The Admiralty Commissioners to issue warrants to the Ordnance officers to provide 12 drums for the above regiment, and deliver them to Col. Guibon, the commander. Approved Sept. 20.

Also to issue like warrants to deliver to Lieut.-Col. John Meyres, governor of Berwick, for the service of that garrison, 10 iron guns, 4 culverins, 4 demiculverins, and 2 sacres, with carriages and shot, and 4 barrels of gunpowder. Approved Sept. 20.

6. The pay of Lieut.-Col. John Meyres, as governor of Berwick, to be enlarged to 18*s.* a day, and allowed on the army establishment. Approved Sept. 20.

7. The governor of Windsor Castle to deliver from the stores there 400 arms to Col. Hen. Smith, for his regiment of foot in co. Oxford. Approved Sept. 20. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 404, 405.]

Sept. 20. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. All members of Council to be in the Council Chamber at 7 a.m. next Monday.

2. Order on a letter from the Maj.-General and some Commissioners for co. York, and an enclosed paper called "Cautions for Choice," certified to have been dispersed about Leeds by Mr. Garnet, master of the free grammar school there, that Garnet be brought before Council in Custody.

3. Approval by the Protector of 4 orders of Sept. 19. [*I.* 77, *p.* 405–6.]

Sept. 23. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

2. Order on report from the Committee to whom the petition of the Earl of Mulgrave and divers of the kindred of Wm. Toomes, late *felo de se,* was referred that Dr. Bernard, his Highness' almoner, return to the Committee an account of what has been done in discovering Toomes' estate, and of its value and disposition. *Annexing,*

I. *Report on the said petition, and on that of* [Rich.] *Toomes, praying the delivery of writings relating to the real estate, that before resolution is taken, an inquisition should be made and returned as to its nature and value.* [1 *page.*]

3. A request being presented to his Highness by Lord Strickland to come to Council, he was pleased to come accordingly. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 406–7.]

Sept. 23. Declaration of the Protector and Parliament for a day of solemn fasting and humiliation in England, Scotland, and Ireland.

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The dealings of God with us have been wonderful, but great has been our ingratitude. The Lord might well say to us "Ephraim is joined to his idols, let him alone." We have deeply grieved Him in not mourning over our barrenness and profaneness; in not improving mercies, in neglecting to punish vice; in blasphemies, in want of Christian love; in not being sensible that in the late change of authorities, God has set up rulers who allowed the free exercise of religion; in a lukewarm and atheistical spirit; in a spirit of dissatisfaction. We ought to humble ourselves and pray that He will infatuate the counsels of those who are against His people; that He will be present with those who manage the affairs of these nations; that He would appear as the mighty counsellor; that He would grant us the unity of the spirit; and that these nations, being delivered from their enemies, may serve him without fear. Wherefore 30th October is to be a day of solemn humiliation and prayer, whereon all are to abstain from work or recreation, and no fairs or markets to be kept. Officers of justice to cause due observance, and all ministers to take notice. [5 *pp.*, *printed Coll. of Acts, Vol.* 2. *No.* 96, *Rec. Off. Library*, 498, *F.*]

Sept. 25. **34.** Petition of Sir Chr. Pack, governor, Charles Lloyd, deputy, and the merchant adventurers, to Council for a convoy for 2 ships laden with cloth, &c., to Hamburg, answerable to the danger of the enemy and the richness of their lading; to remain 14 days in the Elbe, and reconduct their vessels to the Thames, and for warrants of protection from impress. We applied to the Admiralty Commissioners, but find that course stopped by special order from you. [1 *sheet.*]

Sept. 25. Order thereon that the Admiralty Commissioners appoint a convoy, and that Gen. Desborow speak with them about it. [*I.* 77, *p.* 408.]

Sept. 25. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Col. Sydenham to speak to Mr. Noel about his advancing as much money as he can on his bargain for the Cocoa, lately come from the West Indies.

2. Out of the said money, Thos. Simons to be first paid 863*l.* 18*s.* for the jewel he provided for the Swedish ambassador.

3. Mr. Embree to be next paid 2,000*l.* for repairs, &c., about his Highness' houses.

4. The pay of Col. John Meyres, governor of Berwick, to be enlarged to 20*s.* a day; the same to be allowed on the establishment, and the Army Committee and War Treasurers informed accordingly. Approved by his Highness' direction.

7. The Army Committee to order the War Treasurers to give 14 days' pay to the new raised forces in Col. Guibon's regiment of foot, according to their musters and the army establishment. Approved in person.

8. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers

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at the Tower to give Col. Rob. Guibon 2 sacres, with carriages, &c., for his regiment of foot. Approved in person.

9. Also to order 2 small brass guns, lying at Margate, in the Isle of Thanet, to be brought to the Tower. Approved in person.

10. Lord Lambert, Maj.-General for cos. York, Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland, and Westmoreland, to order another ½ year's pay to be given to the militia forces in his association. Approved in person.

12. Order—on what was represented concerning Cornet Day's dispersing a seditious paper to-day in Westminster Abbey—that he be committed close prisoner to Windsor Castle, and the Serjeant-at-arms see it done. With warrants to Serj. Dendy to convey him to the castle, and to the Governor to receive him. [*I.* 114, *p.* 34.]

13. Order, on a report from the Committee for America, that the Loyalty, bound to the Bermudas, which was forbidden to leave the Thames, be at liberty to go to Portsmouth, where she is to take on board some provisions to be transported for the service, and there to stay till further order; the Commissioners of Customs to attend to this. *Annexing,*

35. *Report alluded to, naming that she is hired, on her way, to transport provisions from Portsmouth to the fleet in the Straits.* 22 *Sept.* 1656. [1 *page.*]

14. The petition to the Protector of Oliver, Viscount FitzWilliam, of Merion, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to learn the facts, and report.

15. The question for a pass for Sir Chris. Hatton to come to England passed in the negative.

16. Order—on a desire presented by Col. Biscoe—that 1 month's provision for 150 men, and 43 beds, 45 bolsters, 50 blankets, 60 coverings, and 43 pairs of sheets, be sent to Landguard Fort for the soldiers of the garrison.

17. The following Order of Parliament, of 23 Sept., read, *viz.:*—That a convenient number of the Declarations for the fast be printed, to be sent down to all the sheriffs of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and that Council order their dispersal accordingly.

19. Mr. Jessop to examine Chas. Rich's bill for coaches, &c., to attend ambassadors and agents, from 11 Dec. 1655 to 4 Sept. 1656, and report. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 407–410.]

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Whitehall.

Pres. Lawrence to the several sheriffs. His Highness and Parliament have agreed on a Declaration for a general fast, to be held all over England, Scotland, and Ireland, on Oct. 30 next, whereof the ministers of the several parishes are to take notice. We enclose several copies of the Declaration, which you are to distribute in the various parishes of your county diligently, and return a speedy account of your receipt of them, and your proceedings thereon. [*I.* 77, *p.* 410.]

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Sept. 25. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Right Hon. Gen. Geo. Monk, commander-in-chief in Scotland. His Highness and Parliament have ordered a general fast for 30 Oct., for England, Scotland, and Ireland, whereof all ministers are to take notice. We send several copies of the Declaration, that they may be dispersed by your order to the several parishes and congregations in Scotland, which, with the most effectual way for publishing his Highness and the Parliament's resolution, is recommended to you, and a strict charge to be given for their diligent dispersion. [*I.* 77, *p.* 412.]

Sept. 26/Oct. 6. Ghent. Earl of Norwich to the King. Suffer me not, amongst my other invincible misfortunes, to be traduced to you, my sacred King and master, the joy and care of my life. I thus wander merely to change quarters for livelihood on trust, and to avoid the affronts of my creditors, and scorn of my old acquaintance. Meanwhile be not offended if, in discharge of my duty, I say positively that you cannot possibly arrive at the possession of your 3 kingdoms by the way you now only take. Private emissaries to particular persons, how powerful and willing soever, will never do your work; no, nor any power abroad neither, unless otherwise raised, quickened, and consorted with such as must second them when time shall serve. Pardon this presumption, and suspect not my fidelity. [*Endorsed by Sec. Nicholas. 1 page. Flanders correspondence.*]

Sept. 28/Oct. 8. Paris. **36.** C. George to Williamson, Saumur. According to your order, I send you 2 hats to Orleans. I am surprised that your friends in England still address you at Saumur. If you were not known at the post, your letters would be lost. [1 *page. French.*]

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2. John Bradshaw, Serjeant-at-arms to be permitted to go his circuit as Chief Justice of Chester and Justice of Assize for cos. Flint, Denbigh, and Montgomery. [*I.* 77, *p.* 412.]

[Sept. 29.] **37.** Petition of the Governor and Company of Levant Merchants to the Protector. Roger Fowke was appointed by the ambassador at Constantinople to supply the place of the lately deceased consul at Cyprus till another was appointed. He has committed misdemeanours in engrossing the commodities of the country, and setting his own rates upon them, and in an unjust demand of 400*l.* salvage from the Hopewell, laden at Scanderoon for England, and forced on that island, and has imprisoned the master, and kept part of the lading till paid.

We have therefore appointed Mat. Lister consul, but we fear that Fowke will interrupt him, if permitted to remain there. We therefore beg your orders to Ambassador Bendish to remove Fowke from the island, and to Fowke to obey. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 29. London. Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish. Roger Fowke, substituted by your lordship, but never approved by us, to manage the employment of Consul at Cyprus, has so provoked us by several injuries offered to such of our Company as have traded thither, that we could no longer omit to appoint some other person to negociate

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in that place. Therefore at a late general court, we chose as consul there Mat. Lister, who is now coming to Constantinople for the requisite authority and commands. Fowke's actions lead us to suspect that he will not leave the island if he can secure his own stay. We desire you to use effectual means to remove him from power over that place, according to his Highness' orders, which Lister brings. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV, pp.* 274–5.]

Sept ? **38.** Petition of Anne, wife of Rich. Swayne, to the Council of State. There is a parcel of land in the inclosure of Shrewsbury Castle, belonging to her husband, now in his Highness' possession, for which she is to receive 4*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* rent, but the rent is 2 years in arrear, and her husband prisoner for debt, and she has 8 small children and is expecting a 9th; begs that they will buy the fee simple of the land that she may pay the debts, and not be troubled to come any more to London. [3¼ *pages.*]

Sept. ? **39.** Note that she has a letter of attorney from her husband to sell the land, and has been waiting 10 weeks, and is ill of an ague and her children in sad condition at home, and that the inheritance is recorded in Mat. Lee's office. [*Scrap.*]

Sept. ? **40.** Wm. Maister, mayor of Hull, Thos. Raikes, and 6 other merchants of Hull, York, and Leeds, to the Admiralty Commissioners. We obtained leave from Col. Salmon, with much importunity, for the Preston frigate to convoy the Elsing, of Hull, laden 15 July last for Dordrecht, with cloth so valuable that it has paid 400*l.* subsidy, to Yarmouth Roads, to meet there the ships from London, which have not arrived; it is in danger both from wind and the enemy, and Major Burton is displeased with us for troubling him about a convoy, yet the cloth will spoil by long lying. We beg you will appoint us a sufficient convoy. 8 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Sept. **41.** Edw. Norris to Williamson, Saumur. You have acquitted yourself so well that I may use the saying, "Il ny a pas tant d'honneur "à ne point faillir qu'il en a à s'accuser de la sorte." The watch shall be bought to-day, and I will send it the first opportunity. [1 *page. French, damaged.*]

Sept. [Angers.] **42.** Edw. Norris to Williamson, Saumur. I must learn to get up early and to use the horses of M. de Kechanchee, when I know the terms of a cavalier, about which the young gentlemen of Angers often treat—but that cannot be unless you send me 10 pistoles till my first bill of change comes. Salute Mr. Leigh and my other friends. [1 *page. French—much damaged.*]

Oct. 1. **43.** Brief notes of proceedings in Parliament on the Act for disannulling the pretended title of Charles Stuart, 18, 19, 22, and 26 Sept.

The Committee appointed to sit on the bill were—

Lord Broghill.	Attorney-Gen. Prideaux.
Recorder Lisle Long.	Fras. Rous.
Lord Comr. Whitelock.	Sir Wm. Strickland.

Mr. Bampfield.
Sir Chas. Wolsley.
Col. John Jones.
Maj.-Gen. Berry.
Lord Comr. Fiennes.
Mr. Bond.
Mr. Buller.
Solicitor-Gen. Reynolds.
Sir Thos. Bernardiston.
Mr. Crooke.
Lord Comr. Lisle.
Col. Rous.
Art. Upton.
Gen. Desborow.
Col. Cock.
Major Astowe.
Lord Lambert.
Earl of Tweedale.
Sir John Copplestone.

A Committee of 30 persons named—10 being in the preceding Committee—appointed to consider the way of address to his Highness with bills, to meet at 4 p.m. in the Speaker's chamber, with power to send for persons, &c. With note, 1 Oct., that Lord Chief Justice Glynne reports from the said Committee its opinions in several points. [*All printed in Commons' Journals, under the respective dates.* 1 *page.*]

Oct. 1. **44.** Petition of Rich. Moore, on behalf of the merchants of York and Hull, to the Protector and Council, for a convoy for their ships to go to the Sound of Denmark, and to return with naval commodities.

Many merchants have before petitioned the Admiralty Commissioners [*see* 29 *Feb.* 1656], who say they have no power to appoint a convoy; 3 ships are lying in the Humber ready to sail and richly laden; the Preston frigate is in the harbour, and the season is far spent. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 1. Order thereon that the Admiralty Commissioners be recommended to appoint a convoy, and to consider if the Preston frigate mentioned as in the harbour, be fit for that service, and if convenient, to appoint it. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 413.]

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3. Mr. Embree to have the guard house in Scotland Yard enlarged so as to accommodate all the guard, and a chimney built that they may have firing. Approved in person.

4. Capt. Brockett's company of foot to be added to the companies already in Col. Mills' regiment, to complete it to 10 companies of 1,200 men, instead of the company now at Dover, formerly part of that regiment; the muster-master to muster the said company from 15 Sept. last, and the Army Committee to issue warrants for their payment accordingly. Approved in person.

5. While the Council for Scotland is absent from Scotland, Gen. Monk is authorised to order the issuing of assessments in Scotland, for payment of the forces there, and all concerned therein are to obey his orders. Approved in person.

6. Approval of all the proceedings of the Council for Scotland from 1 Nov. 1655, for issuing assessments in Scotland and paying the forces there. Approved by the Protector in person.

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7. For better defence of the navy and stores at Chatham, the governor of Upnor Castle, Kent, is empowered to recruit the soldiers of his garrison to 60 privates, who are to be mustered and paid accordingly. Approved in person.

8. Gen. Monk to fill up the regiments in Scotland out of which he drew the 600 men for Jamaica. Approved in person.

9. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers at the Tower to deliver 10 tons of match to Commissary Thos. Knight to ship for Scotland. Approved in person.

10. Also to ship to Dublin, for the forces in Ireland, 500 barrels of powder, 250 now, and the rest by 50 a month. Approved in person.

11. The Army Committee to order the War Treasurers, from the money designed for the forces in Ireland, to send 40,000*l.* by waggons to Chester, to be transported to Dublin, and the Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a fit ship, and order the captain accordingly. Approved in person.

12. Lieut.-Col. Flower empowered to recruit the privates in his company at Southampton to the same numbers in proportion with the regiments of the army in England, and the muster-master to muster them, and the Army Committee to order their payment accordingly. Approved in person.

13. Col. Hugh Price, governor of Redcastle, authorised in like manner to recruit the present number of soldiers in that garrison, viz., 15 to 30, and his establishment to be raised to 5*s.* a day. Approved in person.

14. Col. Wroth Rogers, governor of Hereford, authorised in like manner to recruit the number of soldiers in his garrison to 50. Approved in person.

15. 16*l.* a year to be added to the pay of the Capt.-Lieutenant of the militia troop in co. York under Lord Eure's command as Colonel and Captain, and the establishment to be so settled. Approved in person.

16. The pay of the quartermasters of militia in the several counties to be raised from 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* a year to 16*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, and that of the trumpeters reduced from 5*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* to 3*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*, above soldier's pay.

17. Several letters and papers from the fleet under command of Gens. Blake and Montague, concerning the taking of some of the Spanish fleet, read.

18. The following Order of Parliament read:—

> Resolved, on the question *nemine contradicente*, that Parliament declares that the war against the Spaniard was taken upon just and necessary ground, and for the good of the Commonwealth, and approves thereof, and will, by God's blessing, assist his Highness therein.
>
> Resolved that the manner of carrying on the Spanish war, and the business of assistance therein, be considered next Friday.

19. Council to meet at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

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22. The petition and certificate of Edw. Gillespie, merchant in Edinburgh, referred to the Committee on Scotch affairs, to learn his case, and report what might be done in Scotland for his relief.

23. Order—on report that Mr. Noel is willing, according to the order of 25 Sept. last, to advance from the money due on the contract for the cocoa lately come from the West Indies, to Mr. Simons 865*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.*, and 2,000*l.* to Mr. Embree; and that the Admiralty Commissioners and Prize Goods' Commissioners think Noel's contract should be confirmed—that the contract is hereby confirmed, and the money is to be paid to the Exchequer, for which Noel must take a tally, and that the Admiralty Commissioners must state the amount of cocoa brought, and report the whole state of the case. Approved in person.

24. Out of the money due on Mr. Noel's contract, the Treasury Commissioners are to order 1,200*l.* to Mr. Kiffin, in payment for cloth which he provided for the Swedish ambassador. Approved in person.

25. Mr. Shephard, and the rest of the Committee for Charters, to consider the charter granted to the corporation of Maidenhead, and such a draft for a new charter as is fit for his Highness to pass, and to present the same to Council.

26. Jones, Pickering, Sydenham, and Strickland, to examine Mr. Rolt's account of money received and laid out in his late journey to Sweden, and what balance is due to him, and to report.

27. 10*l.* to be given as a gratuity to Capt. Storey, who brought the letters from the fleet, out of the first money coming into the Exchequer from the plate certified to be taken from the Spaniard. Approved in person.

28. Order—on a report from the Committee on the petition of Isabella, widow of Major Hen. Clarke, certifying that he was acquitted on trial from a share in the late insurrection; that no legal seizure has been made of his estate, but that Capt. Burgess has sequestered it, and Capt. Rooksby seized her husband's stock of 240 sheep; that she has 10 small children, and his estate is only worth 200*l.* a year—that the Maj.-General and Commissioners for co. Wilts do as they see just cause, as to discharging the sequestration, and calling for an account for the sheep. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 413, 420.] *Annexing,*

45. *Report on which the above order is founded* 7 *Aug.* 1656. [1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 1. Whitehall.

Pres. Lawrence to the Assessment Commissioners in all the counties. His Highness and Council considering the necessity for the timely supply of stores for the navy guarding the seas and trade, and the general safety, requires the present advance of part of the next assessment money; and as the payment thereof as the usual time would not suffice, because the service would be much prejudiced if it were delayed till the usual time of payment, in their

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order for levying the tax, they ordered the sum for the first 3 months to be paid in by 10 Nov., which order they commend to your special care. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 417, 933.]

Oct. 2. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners, desiring his Highness to declare what number of men shall be employed in this next year's service at sea, and what quantity of provisions prepared, that the navy victualler may make a timely supply—that the Admiralty Commissioners order 6 months' victuals for 30,000 men. Approved in person.

2. The Admiralty Commissioners to order 4 months' victuals for 4,500 men, and send them speedily to the fleet under Gens. Blake and Montague. Approved in person.

4. The proposal concerning the farming of the excise of beer and ale in and about London to be considered this day week.

5. The Quakers now in prison at Exeter to be released, and Desborow, Maj.-General for the western counties, to take order accordingly. Approved in person.

6, 7. Desborow to consider the most convenient way to discharge the fines set on any of them, and to see that, on their discharge from prison, they are sent to their respective homes.

8. The Quakers in prison at Dorchester to be released, and Desborow to observe the same orders regarding them.

9. The Quakers at Colchester, co. Essex, and Edmondsbury, co. Suffolk, to be released, and Maj.-Gen. Hezekiah Haynes to do it, and to consider how the fines set on them may best be taken off, and see they are sent back to their homes. Approved in person.

10. The Admiralty Commissioners to order that a convenient vessel, northward bound, receive on board and convey to the garrison at Berwick the 10 guns, and 70 barrels of powder, ordered to be delivered to Col. Meyres, the governor, from the Ordnance Office, and Commissary Wright to see them shipped. Approved in person.

11. On information that, on the 26 Sept., Capt. John Smith, of the Pearl, brought into Burlington quay an Ostender, taken near Flamborough, with 53 men, who were put into the school-house for security, and their removal is requested, lest they get to sea again and do more mischief,—they having that morning taken a ship of London which was sent to Ostend, and one of Lynn, which was sunk in Burlington Bay;—also on request for the release of some Burlington men, prisoners at Ostend, Tison, captain of the prize, promising to procure release of 6, in exchange for himself and 3 of his company:—Order that the Admiralty Commissioners procure the release of those at Burlington in exchange for these prisoners, and meanwhile for their removal from Burlington, and their secure disposal, and for the defraying of their charges whilst there. Approved in person.

12. Order on what was offered concerning the disbursements of John Hodgson, surgeon to Lord Lambert's regiment of horse, for the forces in Scotland, to advise an order for payment of 12*l.* Approved in person.

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13. Order on a certificate from the Commissioners for co. Stafford—on a reference on Humble Ward's petition, that they find the petition and papers true—that the Maj.-General and Commissioners discharge him from all further proceedings. Approved in person.

15. The petition of Rob. Starr, merchant, and the rest of the traders to South Barbary, referred to Desborow and Sydenham, to confer with Starr about the proposal on English captives, and to report.

16. The Committee for Ireland to consider what should be done with the persons secured there by Lord Hen. Cromwell, on the order of his Highness and Council, and to report.

17. The Committee of Council on the business of Mr. Bradshaw, resident at Hamburg, to prepare and bring in their report next Tuesday.

18. Approval of a certificate from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, of 24 June 1656, that they think 3 parishes in Thetford, co. Norfolk, *viz.*, Peter's and Cuthbert's, in the said county, and Mary's in co. Suffolk, should be united to the rectory of Santon, Norfolk, and made one parish. Approved by the Protector in person.

19. Order that out of the Earl of Bristol's impropriations at Sherborne, 100*l.* a year be allowed as an augmentation to the minister there, which the Treasury Commissioners are to see done. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 420–25.]

Oct. 2 ? **46.** List of the justices of peace in co. Dorset who have prosecuted Quakers.

John Fitzjames has sent many to prison for not taking off their hats. At a meeting of Friends at Sherborne, he encouraged the rude people, chiefly Cavaliers, to rise and stone them, and threatened to raise the town against them; 2 he sent to prison for not taking off their hats, and others to prison, or to the stocks, for not attending the priests' service.

Walter Fox, of Milberry Bubb, has cast many into prison, and issued warrants to take them up at meetings for rogues and vagabonds, and has had them whipped and sent away with passes. He fined a tything man 10*s.* for refusing to whip a Quaker.

Thos. Hollis, of Martin's town, with the 2 preceding, sent for 2 poor Quakers, with large families, offered them the Oath of Abjuration, though they were never supposed to be Popishly inclined, and when they would not swear, sent them to prison, where they have been a year.

Geo. Fulford, of Little Toller, a Cavalier, took the horse of a Quaker, who had come 8 miles to a meeting, had him whipped and sent with a pass from tything to tything, and said if Quakers kept meetings so near his nose, he would fill the prison with them.

Edw. Chick, of Gabrills, had a woman Friend whipped till the blood ran and her breasts were raw.

John Whiteway, of Dorchester, had one whipped and sent home with a pass for coming to meeting, and another sent to prison for going to a steeple house to declare against their wickedness.

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Roger Clavill, of Winefruit, has sent many to prison, some hauled out of a meeting, one for refusing the Oath of Abjuration.

Wm. Hussey, of Shaftsbury, judge of the sessions, passed sentence against many, and fined and sent them to prison.

Jas. Dewey, of Ockford, sent one to prison for speaking the word of the Lord in Blandford street.

Like particulars of Edw. Butler, Thos. Grove, and Edm. Butler, of Amor, who ordered a woman to prison, and she being ill, sent a cart for her, when being frightened, she promised to go to the mass house.

List of 6 more of the same spirit, but who have not manifested themselves. Also John Strode, a Cavalier, and high sheriff.

Note of 2 officers of the militia who are unfit to command, and of 2 others who should be substituted.

List of 15 justices, who are moderate and against persecution.

Note of 4 Quakers, capable of justices' places, viz., John Frey, Bursise; Nath. Harris, Rime; Roger Coward, sen., Puddle Trenchard; Edw. Tucker, Weymouth. [1 *sheet damaged.*]

Oct. 3.
London.

Levant Company to Spencer Bretton. In answer to yours of 19 May, 21 June, and 23 July, we are glad to hear that the late disturbances and the escape of Bogus have produced no worse effects, and that our debts are at last totally cleared. Although those concerned in lading the 3 last ships were somewhat more burdened by the leviation of 1½ dollars per cloth than they expected, yet we are content, hoping for future ease in trade by a freedom from leviations.

For settling our debts at home, we can devise no better means than we prescribed in our last, *viz.*, the levying of an extraordinary consulage in Turkey on all goods in and out, to be paid by such as are not creditors to the account of such as are; and what exceeds our constant charge there to be invested in silk, and returned hither, consigned to the husband for the Company's account on 2 ships bound for that port.

We having suspended our Act for general shipping, allowing any ships observing the Company's orders to lade, you will receive from our husband a list of the goods here fairly entered; on the rest, which may have escaped our duties and brokes, levies are to be made as usual. On the ships now departing we desire more especial care, because on view of their entries, we find more interlopers' goods than usual, on which we pray you levy the broke, or at least the value of treble impost at 4*s.* 8*d.* the dollar, and double consulage in ready money for unfreemen, and the like of such as are freemen, and not creditors.

Since we presume these ordinary duties will more than suffice to bear our charge, we desire you not to reserve money in your hands, but as it comes in in cash, to send it here.

We approve your proceedings on your difference with the Dutch, which we consider a notable affront from them to our nation, and shall represent the same to our superiors here.

We have written several times to the ambassador to obtain the release of Geo. Davies, taken by the Turks from an English ship in service of the Venetians ; pray remind his Lordship, and use all means for accomplishing the same at his friends' expense.

In our next we shall intimate the Company's resolution concerning the Treasurer's expectation of allowance for consulage extraordinary ; meantime, let them not neglect their duty in collecting it. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 275–6.

Oct. 3. London. Levant Company to Jonathan Dawes. We have lately appointed as Consul as Cyprus Mat. Lister, who will take passage thence to Constantinople, to receive authority and commands. We pray you on demand to pay him 650 dollars, which we have promised him there.

By your letters of 11 May and 4 July, you seem content with the salary of 800 dollars a year, and we expect you will return what you have heretofore received above that sum, without waiting till you come to England.

As for the consulage of goods laden at Smyrna by order thence, although we acknowledge some prejudice in it in point of exchange, yet we cannot but hold it best that consulage be paid in the place where goods are first laden or landed, as has been the custom in all cases. For lessening our debts at home we have resolved on a consulage extraordinary, which you are to collect. His Lordship's letters of 8 May and 7 July are just to hand, which we will speedily answer. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 277.]

Oct. 3. Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish. In answer to yours of 7 July, with a copy of that of 8 May, concerning Mr. Lawrence, we hope the accounts between him and Mr. Dawes, and all things else are long since accommodated, and himself discharged from attending there at so great charge to us, according to his Highness' order. We are content Dawes should remain treasurer at 800 dollars a year, but we have written to him to restore what he has had above that sum, and request you to order this accordingly, as we are only dissatisfied with the extravagant salary, and hope to find nothing amiss in his accounts.

We are glad that Aleppo was so soon eased of the siege by Sidee Achmet, and that we are so well freed from danger at Smyrna by Bogus' escape. We doubt not your endeavours to keep peace in all places, for the better collection of our duties, and carrying on our trade cheaply.

We learn from Aleppo of the unequal dealing of the new Vizier in his passage from Damascus ; the consul, failing to procure justice from him concerning the custom there paid on money, we hope you will find an opportunity to give a contradictory command to what he sentenced there.

We regret that you find such difficulty in the release of Geo. Davies, which you must still try to procure.

Being cleared of our debts abroad, we are taking means to extinguish those at home, and have ordered an extraordinary consulage, which we desire you to collect. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 277–8.]

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Oct. 4. Narrative of the success of the State's fleet against the King of Spain's West India fleet, compiled from the letters of the Generals.

7 Spanish ships, 4 men of war, and 3 merchants laden with gold, silver, pearl, &c., from the West Indies, came in 58 days near Cadiz, and having heard falsely from a Portugal prize that they took that the Spaniards had beaten the English from their coast, they came confidently into Cadiz.

Most of the English fleet had gone to Wyers Bay, Portugal, to recruit, but a squadron left of 6 or 7, under Capt. Stainer of the Speaker, saw the fleet on 8 Sept., and sailed out to attack it. The admiral, a small ship, with 600,000 pieces of eight, ran into Cadiz, where it is said she ran on shore and sank. The vice-admiral with money and jewels, &c., value 1,100,000 pieces of 8, was taken after 6 hours' fight, but fired by the Spaniards, and in her 110 men, including the marquis, his wife, and eldest daughter, were burnt. The rear-admiral was taken, and another ship, laden with sugar and plate was also taken, but burnt by accident; the small man-of-war escaped to Gibraltar.

The Spaniards say there is taken or lost to the value of 9 millions of pieces of eight, besides the ships and lading, and more than 440 prisoners, including the children of the Marquis and Don Diego de Villa Alva, governor of Havannah.

Thus the Lord has again appeared for us, and triumphed gloriously over the King of Spain, the enemy of religion; and this reasonable mercy came when the people were laid low in their own expectations. Therefore his Highness and Parliament appoint 8 Oct. as a day of thanksgiving in London and Westminster; and all ministers are to read this narrative in their congregations, the better to stir up the hearts of the people to praise the Lord. [6 *pp. printed Coll. of Acts, Vol.* 2, *No.* 97, *Rec. Off. Library*, 498, *F.*]

Oct. 4. Approval by the Protector of 9 orders in Council presented by Mr. Jessop, 14 Aug. to 1 Oct. [*I.* 77, *p.* 425.]

Oct. [5.] **47.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson, Saumur. I hope you have received the 240 crowns. I have sent your letters. Private business.

You will have heard the news of taking the Spanish treasure, which came as the House was voting a war with Spain. That Act passed, also one annulling all right of Charles Stuart and his posterity to these territories; and one to establish the ministry for life in sequestrated livings. We shall have one for regulation of apparel, and many more, as soon as the rest of the summoned members appear. They are erecting high courts of justice here, and at Edinburgh and Dublin, for the safety of the Protector. We are also raising forces for Sweden, and sending supplies to Jamaica.

P.S.—What says your bookseller to his novelties? Selden's book is not finished. Dr. Molins Juxon has published a Latin book at 10*s.*, against Amiraldus against Presbytery. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

1656. Oct. 7? **48.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Mr. Pigot is in the country, but I will send him your letter. I hear you intend for Italy, or a further removal. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

Oct. 7. Queen's College. **49.** T. Lamplugh to Williamson. Sir F. Norris sends you 50*l.*, and 5*l.* for his son's private purse; I rejoice that he uses his time so well. I hear you are for Germany. I am sorry your journey to Italy should be stopped. I wish you could get some insight into physic, without making it your profession, for both the college and this poor church need your endeavours. I will warrant you a fellowship at your return, but the provost wants you to take your M.A. degree as soon as you can; it will save you money to be admitted *ad eundem* at your return, but he will not dispense with your exercise; so be preparing your lectures at vacant hours. I have pumped the provost about his directions to you, but he is stoical, and will tell me no more than he told you. He would have you pitch, not on an ordinary subject, but on some point of philology. Dr. Owen is continued vice-chancellor for next year, and is to preach at the opening of next Parliament. We have no dean or divinity reader pitched upon. You should write to Tully and Barlow, and send some knick-knack to Hum. Robinson.

Wm. Wright is chosen mayor, whether he will or not, and Mr. Crook, a Parliament man. [1 *page.*]

[Oct. 7.] **50–52.** Petition of Neh. Rogers, minister in Essex, to the Protector. Having been sequestrated unheard, not for delinquency or scandal, I am incapable of the ministry by your late Declaration. Being faithful to the Government, I beg leave to preach the gospel. With reference to the Major General and county Commissioners of Peace, 30 June 1656, to examine, and meanwhile to stay proceedings against him; 2 reports thereon, 20 Aug. and 4 Sept., in favour of Rogers' fitness for the ministry, and references on each, 26 Aug. and 8 Sept., to the Privy Council. [3 *papers.*]

Oct. 7. Order thereon in Council, that the Major General and Commissioners permit him to preach, the proclamation notwithstanding. Approved 8 Oct. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 426, 431.]

Oct. 7. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. To advise an order to pay Ludovicus Gustavus, Count de Holac, 100*l.*, towards defraying his charge homewards.

2. In the order of July 15, 1656, concerning the Marquis of Winchester, instead of "The case of the Marquis of Winchester, as touching the decimation of his estate," is to be inserted "The case of the purchasers of the estate of the Marquis of Winchester, as touching the decimation of the said estate."

3. Mulgrave and Strickland added to the Committee of Council on the petition of Robt. Starr, concerning English captives.

4. There being already 70 soldiers in Hereford garrison, the order of last Wednesday, for them to be raised to 50 changed, and an order given to add 50 and raise them to 120, with an ensign for the garrison. Approved 8 Oct.

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5. Lambert to give directions for ordering the night fires at the several guards about Whitehall, in some convenient way.

6. To advise an order to the Army contingency Treasurers to pay 50*l.* to such person as Lambert shall appoint, to provide night fires for the guard at Whitehall, and the person appointed therefor to be allowed, from Oct. 1, the double pay of a private soldier, *viz.* 20*d.* a day, whereof the muster-master is to take notice. Approved 8 Oct.

7. The Army Committee to order the War Treasurers to pay Wm. Claxton, the Army contingency Treasurer, 50*l.* for buying coals for the guard about Whitehall. Approved 8 Oct.

9. Order—on a report on the petition of Margaret, widow of Capt. Edm. Phipps [*see* 9 *Sept.* 1656]—that 329*l.* 14*s.* is certified by the Commissioners of co. Bucks, as due to her husband on the public faith, and for half pay, 1644 to 1646, and that 200*l.* is in hand of the moneys raised by sale of Whaddon Chace, for pay of the forces in co. Bucks—that the said 200*l.* be paid by Hen. Philips, and then given to Mrs. Phipps on account, and the Worcester House Commissioners are to defalcate the sum from his account. Approved 8 Oct. *Annexing,*

53. *Report alluded to,* 30 *Sept.* 1656. [⅔ *page.*]

53. I. *Certificate by Jas. Glisson, registrar, at request of Capt. Burrell, that Phipps' accounts have not been examined by the Worcester House Commissioners on the Order of* 3 *July* 1656. 6 *Oct.* 1656. [¼ *page.*]

10, 11. Order—that as the Council for Scotland have adjourned their sitting there, Gen. Monk execute the order issued to them, 9 Sept., to levy 1,000*l.* on the inhabitants of Wick, Thursoe, and Caithness. Approved 8 Oct.

12. John Maidstone, Maj.-Gen. Hezekiah Haynes, and John Hildsley, to view the plate and jewels of Wm. Toomes, *felo-de-se*, removed by warrant from James' House to Whitehall, and estimate their value, and report it to Council.

13. Order—on petition of Sir Geo. Pratt, Bart., for discharge from decimation, and a certificate from Maj.-Gen. Goffe in his case—that Goffe speak with Pratt and certify to Council if he is satisfied of Pratt's good affection, and if so, an order for his discharge shall be passed. Approved 8 Oct.

14. The petition of Thos. Brown, and a certificate from the Commissioners of co. Chester, with other certificates, referred to the Major General and Commissioners for the county, to consider them, and forbear further proceedings against him, and allow him to act in his profession as attorney or otherwise, as is just. Approved 8 Oct.

17. The Army Committee to give order for sending to the Agents in the several counties the letters to the monthly assessment Commissioners, for hastening the collection thereof.

20. The Army Committee to order payment of the following new-raised troops, 3 new companies of 120 each, which, with 7 Irish foot companies now in England, recruited to 120 soldiers, are

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to form Col. John Hewson's regiment; 6 new companies, with 4 Irish also recruited, to form Col. Rob. Gibbon's regiment; and 850 soldiers to recruit the 6 companies in the Tower, under Sir John Barkstead, making them up 1,200 soldiers. The Irish soldiers and officers to be paid according to the allowances of the late Irish establishment of 24 Oct. 1653.

21. The order of 12 Sept. last, on the petition of the creditors of confiscated persons in Scotland, with 2 provisos added concerning Countess Lauderdale and Lieut.-Gen. Middleton, read, the days of payment altered to 25 March and 24 June, the blank for the money to be paid into the Exchequer of Scotland filled up, agreed to, and passed. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 426–31.]

Oct. 8. Approval by the Protector of 8 orders, of 7 Oct. [*I.* 77, *p.* 431.]

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2. The Governor of Windsor Castle to complete the company of foot there to 120 privates besides himself, 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 1 ensign, 4 serjeants, 4 corporals, and 2 drummers, 1 master gunner, at 1*s.* 8*d.* a day, a gunner's mate, at 1*s.*, and 2 matrosses, at 1*s.* 8*d.*, who are to be inserted in the establishment, the muster master to muster them, and the Army Committee to order the War Treasurers to pay them, beginning from 15 Sept. last. Approved 16 October.

6. Col. Sydenham's report on the petition, &c., of Rob. Starr [*see* 2 *Oct.* 1656], and on the petition and certificate of the merchants trading to Barbary, referred to the former Committee, to speak with Starr and others, enquire into the whole business, and report. With note that Wolsley and Lisle are added to the Committee. *Annexing,*

> **54.** *Capt. Rob. Starr to Council. I beg you to consider the sad condition of the poor captives and release them, not by a yearly contribution as formerly, to great expense and little honour of the nation, but by demanding his Highness' subjects, with reparation of their estates which those Sally pirates have taken, so that they may not be made captives in future. This they will grant, at worst, on the same terms as Algiers has done. They should have the choice of peace if they accept his Highness' favour, and if not, of war, "God having made his Highness' name to be famous and dreadful to all that have had knowledge of the same." London,* 7 *Oct.* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

7. Order that Council meet every Thursday and Friday afternoon till further order. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 432–3.]

Oct. 10. **55.** Deposition of Magnus Polson and 2 other skippers, taken before the sheriff and governor of Orkney, and Pat. Smith, of Braco, that their ships, and 3 more of Orkney and Caithness, were taken from them by an Ostend man-of-war in Baka Sound, 3 miles from Bergen, Norway, on 23 June last.

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Oct. 10. They went to Bergen Castle, and complained to the Governor of 2 boors of that country, whose dwellings they pointed out, and who had brought the man-of-war into the harbour, and desired aid to recover their vessels.

The Governor said there was no fault in the boors, but in those who had made Cromwell their King, as it was he who had made war with Spain. Also he refused them a pass, except on payment of 4 dollars, which, being robbed, they had not. [*Original and copy.*]

Oct. 10. London. **56.** Sir Fras. Norris to Williamson. Tell me whether Mr. Whorwood is sending for his son home. I am sorry you are away from Ned, it is not safe for young men to be by themselves in a strange country. Ned writes that he is much beholden to you for your kindness to him, but he will not be long abroad, Italy being in such a condition that I would by no means have him there. He is now 21 and must be careful what company he keeps. I am in my old lodging in Old Palace Yard. It is near the Parliament. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 14. **57.** Petition of Alexander, Earl of Murray, to the Protector. I will not dispute about the fine of 1,166*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* set on me, yet all know that during the differences between the 2 nations, I was a child at school. I am quite unable to pay the fine, for my father sold a large part of his estate, most of the rest is rented by my mother, and what remains will hardly defray the interest of debts and assessments, and my father has left 5 children unprovided for, and this is the strict truth.

I beg you to consider my condition, my innocence, and my sufferings through aversion to the courses of those lately in arms in Scotland. I offer my person and estate to your disposal, and beg you to discharge that heavy fine. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 14. Reference thereon by Council to the Committee for Scotland, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 435.]

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9. The Lord-Deputy, Fiennes, Mulgrave, Desborow, Strickland, Jones, Lambert, Sydenham, and Wolsley, to consider what to offer to his Highness concerning petitions addressed to him, and how that affair may be managed with most ease to him and best dispatch, and to report.

10–13. Hugh Courtney, prisoner in the Isle of Wight; John Carey, now prisoner at Mawes; and all those lately sent from Abington, and now in custody at Windsor Castle (except Ruddock) to be discharged; and Col. Nath. Rich to be discharged from his imprisonment at Windsor Castle, and confined to his house at Eltham. With warrants to the several Governors for their discharge. Approved in person. [*I.* 114, *pp.* 36–37.]

15. Order on petition of the mayor and commonalty of Bristol—that since Council advised his Highness to pardon them 435*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, the arrear of the fee-farm rent of 145*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* a year, due from Bristol for the 3 years ending 29 Sept. 1650, they find the other year (ending 29 Sept. 1647), which they did not sue for, thinking it

was included in the Act of Oblivion, which now they find extends no further than 24 June 1647, and praying that that also may be pardoned—to advise his Highness to pardon the other year, and cancel the payment of that fee-farm rent, it being discharged by an order of Parliament of 5 April 1653. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 432–435.]

Oct. 16. **58.** Petition of Robt. Tichborne, mayor elect of London, to the Protector and Council, for an order to the contractors of Worcester House for King's lands to pass his assurance, having purchased of them some old housing, and a little plot of ground at Greenwich, called Hobby Stables, for 220*l.*, which he paid in Oct. 1653. Those employed for him did not demand his conveyance till after the order that no conveyance for lands or houses should be made without further order. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 16. Order thereon granting the petition, if there be no cause for not perfecting the assurance except the said order. Approved 17 Oct. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 436, 447.]

Oct. 16. **59.** Petition of John Osborne, gentleman, to the Protector. There are many lands and rents (some in charge with the auditor or clerk of the pipe, and some not), also debts, goods, moneys, plate, jewels, woods, overflowed lands, &c., belonging to the State, but concealed, for which a commission for enquiry should be established in the several counties, not crossing the present establishment for discoveries. As I have been at great charge to prepare myself for the service, I beg your direction to the Barons of Exchequer to grant me warrants for commissions, which I will execute at my own charge, if I may be allowed ⅓ of what is brought in, and 50 years' leases of overflowed lands not already granted. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 16. Reference thereon by Council to the Treasury Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 441.] *Annexing,*

> **60.** *Report thereon by the said Commissioners that the commissions prayed for are illegal, and that those who have executed them have been severely proceeded against,* 18 *Dec.* 1656. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 16. **61.*** Petition of Thos. Dunne, registrar for receiving appearances in the city of London, to the Privy Council. You were pleased, by an establishment concerning the new militia remaining with the Army Committee, to appoint me 400*l.*, to be paid 24 June last, for my service, a clerk, and the rent of a house [*see* 16 *April* 1656]. I have made several applications, but cannot obtain a warrant to receive it. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 16. Order thereon that Lord Lambert speak with Maj.-Gen. Bridge, or some other Maj.-General, about the overplus of money in their respective associations, and report where Dunne's arrears can be charged. [*I.* 77, *p.* 441.]

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2. Order—on information that several actions at law have been brought against John Revel and Step. Luck, employed by his Highness' warrant for discovery and seizure of leather endeavoured to be transported, for the execution of their duty—that Desborow, Jones, Strickland, and Mulgrave send for all parties concerned, and settle the difference if they can; if not, report the several cases to Council, with their opinions thereon.

3. Approval of an order presented by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 8 July 1656, for an augmentation of 50*l.* a year for Chris. Anderson, minister of Ansley, co. Notts, he being first approved by the Committee for Approbation of Public Preachers. Approved by the Protector 17 Oct.

4. The said Trustees to settle 100*l.* a year on Morgan Lloyd, preacher at Wrexham, co. Denbigh, and 100*l.* on Ambrose Moston, preacher at Holt, co. Flint, instead of what was formerly settled on them. Approved in person.

5, 38. The Admiralty Commissioners to examine the accounts of all moneys spent by the several towns in the West of England and in co. York, for maintenance of Spanish prisoners taken at sea and committed to the magistrates of such towns; and having stated and approved the accounts, to transmit them to the Prize Goods' Commissioners, with warrants for their payment. Approved in person.

6. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle on the minister of Combe, co. Oxford, an augmentation of 40*l.* a year. Approved 17 Oct.

7. Approval of augmentations by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, as follows:—

	£
Rothwell, co. Northampton - - -	30
Chipping Wycombe, co. Bucks, besides 30*l.* formerly settled - - -	30
West Wycombe, co. Bucks - - -	25
Bradford, co. York - - - -	50

Approved by the Protector in person.

8. The Lord-Deputy, Wolsley, Strickland, Desborow, Jones, Lisle, and Sydenham, to speak with Dr. Owen and Mr. Nye about regulating augmentations to ministers, and to report.

9. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 40*l.* a year on the minister of Haughton, co Notts. Approved 17 Oct.

10. Approval of the order of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 3 Oct., for continuing to John Smith, minister of Caldecott, co. Rutland, the augmentation of 31*l.* a year, paid to Edmond Massy, late minister. Approved by the Protector 17 Oct.

11. No further augmentations to ministers to be granted for 13 weeks. Approved 17 Oct.

13. The petition of Hen. Sydenham, of Chelworthy, co. Somerset, and a certificate from the county Commissioners, referred to the

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Maj.-General and said Commissioners, to learn his case, and act therein according to their instructions. Approved 17 Oct.

16, 17. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Sir Adam Loftus 3*s.* a week till further order, in addition to his present allowance, and the Committee of Council on his petition to press their report in the case, and bring it to Council this day week.

18. The English officers and soldiers of the new raised companies in Col. Hewson, Gibbon, and Sir John Berkstead's regiments [*see page* 128, *supra*], to be paid after the English establishment of 15 Oct. 1653, and the Irish after the Irish establishment of 24 Oct. 1653. None but the staff officers who came over with the regiments from Ireland, to be appointed officers without further order. Approved 17 Oct.

21. The Quakers imprisoned at Colchester, co. Essex, and Edmondsbury and Ipswich, co. Suffolk, to be released, and Sir Francis Russell to see it done, consider how the fines set on them, if any, may best be discharged, and send them to their respective homes. Approved 17 Oct.

25. The Committee appointed to examine the accounts for the late King's goods to be allowed one clerk with 40*l.* salary, doorkeeper and messenger with 20*l.*, and 20*l.* out of the Council's contingencies for paper, fire, &c., and 2 rooms over the cellar at Worcester House, known as Thomas' rooms, to be assigned them. Approved 17 Oct.

27. An ensign being ordered on 1 Oct. for Hereford garrison, Lord Lambert is to give warrant to the muster-master to muster 4 private soldiers there in place of an ensign, that their pay may be applied to an ensign's pay. Approved 17 Oct.

28. Approval by the Protector of an order of 9 Oct. about officers for Windsor garrison.

29. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 1*l.* a week to Anne Maning, widow, who has suffered much for the Commonwealth, for maintenance of her family; the Lord-Deputy, Mulgrave, Lisle, Jones, Pickering, and Strickland, to consider how this charge may be taken from the Exchequer, and her maintenance provided for some other way.

30. Col. Sydenham to represent to Parliament from his Highness and Council, that they, out of their care for public justice, issued a commission for discovery of purchases made by forged debentures, and the Commissioners have returned several certificates of such, amounting to above 70,000*l.*, and that further discoveries are expected. Approved in person.

31. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 1,000*l.* for Council's contingencies.

32. The Army Committee to transmit to the Trustees at Worcester House for sale of the King's lands duplicates of the accounts of 360 officers and soldiers in a list annexed, beginning with Rich. Heywood and ending with John Dawson, with a copy of this order

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sealed up, as they are stated by the Commissioners for co. Lancaster that the Trustees may put the said accounts or debentures into bonds, according to an order of Council of 4 Sept. Approved in person.

33. To enable Peter Blondeau to coin the money ordered to be coined after his new invention, the Lieutenant of the Tower, within a week of receiving this order, is to allow him possession of the house Mr. Bryot formerly worked in, and to protect him and his workmen from molestation.

34. The Admiralty Commissioners to take order to victual, man, and fit for sea 6 ships of the fleet, and send them quickly to Stokes Bay. Approved in person.

35. The petition of Capt. Hodgson—shewing that having lent to Capt. Nath. Bower, before he went with Gen. Venables to Jamaica (where he died), several sums amounting to 58*l.*, for payment whereof he assigned to the petitioner every 4th month's pay, whereof he has received but 22*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*, leaving 35*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* still due—referred to Mr. Bowes and the other Commissioners for stating arrears of officers and soldiers at Jamaica, to consider what should be allowed to Hodgson, and report.

36. The Lord President reported a letter from the Council in Scotland that Mr. Tucker, who had been sent thither to assist in the first settlement of excise, was dispensed with by them, being required to return to his public employment in London, and that he had executed most faithfully the said employment.

37. Order on certificate from Maj.-Gen. Goffe, on a reference on Sir Geo. Pratt's petition—that on speaking with him, he freely expressed his great dislike to the King's party, and his affection to his Highness and the present government, in proof whereof he has contributed 500*l.* towards the public charge of the Commonwealth, and paid it to the said Maj.-General—that Sir Geo. Pratt be absolutely discharged from decimation, and all further proceedings by the Major General. Approved in person.

39. Order approving several changes reported by Lambert to be made in an order of 12 Sept. last, on the petition of creditors of confiscated persons in Scotland; *viz.*, in line 16, "yearly rents" instead of "values;" in line 23 "and where the proprietor is deficient, to transact for their own interest" to be added; in line 25 "for forfeiture, donative, or any other incumbrance occasioned thereby, and receive rents for same from Martinmas 1656," to be added; and in line 29 instead of "real debt," "principal debts with interest until Whitsuntide 1650, and meantime shall not sell, alien, or incumber any part of the said estates, save only for the benefit of the creditors till they shall be satisfied," to be added.

40. A further provision to be inserted into the said order concerning the Countess of Lauderdale, according to the order of 24 Aug. 1655, which was inserted and the whole passed.

41. Order on report from the Committee of Council on the petition of the creditors of the confiscated persons in Scotland, on

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consideration of the whole matter, and of certificates and reports thereon—

(1.) That on the excepted persons whose estates are overcharged with debts paying a fine of 40,000*l.* into the Exchequer of Scotland, according to proportions to be settled by the Council in Scotland, in halves, the first by 25 March and the 2nd by 24 June next, the creditors shall be allowed to release their interest, and where the proprietor is deficient, transact for their own interest in the said estates.

(2.) That thereupon the excepted persons shall be admitted to their estates, free from any incumbrance, and receive the rents from Martinmas 1656, if within 2 years they satisfy all debts with interest till Whitsuntide 1650, and do not further sell, alien, or incumber their estates, save to the use of the creditors.

(3.) That as the donatives have fallen particularly on 2 estates, the Council in Scotland must call those concerned, and acquaint them with this disposition, and that they shall be satisfied for their said lands at the rate of 10 years' purchase.

(4.) That if still they are unwilling to part with the land, on account of money and pains they have bestowed on it, a reasonable allowance shall be made them for the same.

(5.) Nothing in this order to interfere with a grant of 600*l.* a year for life to the Countess of Lauderdale, and to her heirs by John, Earl of Lauderdale; nor with lands given to Lieut.-Gen. John Middleton.

42. Order that as the donative given by Parliament to Gen. Geo. Monk was on lands of the Duke of Hamilton, which Monk has sold, and given security to the purchaser for quiet enjoyment, the Council in Scotland forbear to proceed upon the foregoing order, until the excepted persons have secured Monk from any prejudice to himself or his securities.

43. The sum apportioned by the Council of Scotland on the estate of the Earl of Crawford and Lindsay to be repaid to the Countess out of the second ½ of the 40,000*l.*

44. Approval of an order of 6 March 1655–6 for Rob. Remington's liberty to preach. [*I.* 77, *p.* 436–447.]

Oct. 16. The Protector to Capt. Sam. Rose, commander-in-chief of the forces in the Isle of Man. Whereas Thomas, Lord Fairfax, Lord of Man and the Isles belonging thereto, appointed Jas. Challoner his deputy in all but military cases, for which you have our commission; and whereas his Lordship desires a fair correspondence between the said deputy and yourself, we request that neither you nor any officer or soldier under you interrupt the said deputy in the exercise of his civil authority within the lordship, but rather countenance him and his subordinates in its administration. [*I.* 77, *p.* 439.]

Oct. 17. Approval by the Protector of 13 orders of 16 Oct. [*I.* 77, *p.* 447.]

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Oct. $\frac{19}{29}$. Paris. **62.** C. George to Williamson. I send you letters. I have a bill of exchange for Mr. Norris, and will send it the next post after I have received the value. I am surprised your friends do not put another address on your letters. [1 *page, French.*]

Oct. 20. **63.** Shorthand notes of proceedings in the Committee upon the case of the [silver] ships Samson, Salvador, and George. [3¼ *pages, undecyphered.*]

Oct. 21. **64.** Petition of Martin Noel to Council. By order of Gen. Desborow, I bought for the State 64 tons of saltpetre at 41*l.* to 45*l.* a ton, there being then no more in England. The Army Committee did not know of this, and great quantities of petre came in, and was sold cheap, because of a restraint upon the export, on which the Admiralty Commissioners refused to take what I bought off my hands. It will not sell in England, because I and others have imported 600 tons this year, and ordered a great quantity for next year, therefore I beg licence to export it. [1 *page.*]

Oct 21. Order thereon that the Customs' Commissioners allow its export, the late restraint notwithstanding. [*I.* 77, *p.* 450.]

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1. The petition and papers of Hen. Markham, a commissioner-general for lands in Ireland, referred to the Council for Irish affairs, to report.

2. The petition of Rich. Draper, of Ramsey, co. Hunts—shewing that he is summoned by the Maj.-General and Commissioners for co. Notts, where his estates lie, to pay $\frac{1}{10}$ of his estates there, and praying his discharge from all accusations of delinquency, on account of his peaceableness and good affection to the Government—and a certificate from the Maj.-General and Commissioners of co. Notts, on his Highness' reference, referred to the Maj.-General and Commissioners, to act according to their instructions as to his discharge. Approved in person.

6. The Committee on the petition of merchants trading to Barbary to bring in their report on Thursday.

7. The Lord-President, Lord-Deputy, Wolsley, Fiennes, Mulgrave, and Strickland, assisted by Mr. Secretary, to be a Committee on several papers presented by the Lord-Deputy, concerning errors in the translation of the Bible, and to report.

10. Order that from the first money for Council's contingencies that Frost receives, he pay Edw. Dendy, serjeant-at-arms 83*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.*, and 181*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* due on several warrants, for expenses of the prisoners under his charge. Approved in person.

11. Col. Wm. Burke, prisoner in the Tower, to have liberty to go beyond seas, to any state at amity with this Commonwealth, he first giving security to Sir John Berkstead not to return hither without leave, and to act nothing against this State. Approved in person.

13. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of Maurice Thompson, merchant of London—certifying

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his service in bringing in 200 tons of saltpetre, for which he has contracted with them—that the Customs' Commissioners allow him to export 100 tons of saltpetre, the former order against its export notwithstanding. *Annexing,*

65. *Report of the Admiralty Commissioners alluded to,* 4 *Oct.* 1656. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

20. Order on report from the Committee on the accounts of the officers and soldiers at Jamaica, that Fras. Hodges, treasurer, pay sums varying from 1*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* to 346*l.* to 9 widows or other relatives of deceased officers and soldiers, including 346*l.* to Mary, widow of Rich. Fortescue, Colonel, Captain, and Maj.-General; also 20*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* to Wm. Hayes, a trooper, wounded in the service; one full third having been discounted from the full pay for the State's provisions.

21. Order on petition of Robt. Guy, of Isham, co. Northampton,—shewing that in 1646, he became bound with Peter Whalley then made receiver of the public revenues, in 300*l.*, for the true accounting of Whalley for the said receipt, and that Whalley having cleared up his accounts before the late Committee for the Public Revenue, his Highness re-appointed him, and he entered into new security for his true accounting in the Exchequer—that the Treasury Commissioners deliver up Robt. Guy's bond to him, to be cancelled.

22. Sydenham to speak with the Admiralty Commissioners about 1,000*l.*, now to be paid out of the excise, for satisfying money to the widows and other relations of officers and soldiers now or lately at Jamaica, which 1,000*l.* is to be paid back at the first convenience.

23. Blank order to the Commissioners of Customs for export of 5,000 pieces of eight to the East Indies, on security for import of the like quantity of foreign silver coin or bullion. Approved in person. [*I* 77, *pp.* 448–454.]

Oct. 21. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the sheriffs of the several counties. His Highness and Parliament having agreed upon the narrative herewith sent you, and appointed 5 Nov. next for a thanksgiving for the mercies therein set forth, we desire you to dispose of the copies you will receive herewith to the ministers of congregations in your county, to be made use of as thereby directed. [*I.* 77, *p.* 451.]

Oct. 21. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Gen. Monk, commander-in-chief in Scotland. His Highness and Parliament having passed a narrative of God's gracious dispensations in the success he gave to some part of the fleet on the Spanish coast against the King of Spain's West India fleet, in its way towards Cadiz, and having appointed Nov. 5 next as a day of thanksgiving for that mercy, we send you copies of the narrative, and desire you to have them dispersed to ministers of congregations in Scotland, to the purposes therein set forth. [*I.* 77, *p.* 452.]

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66. Rich. Bradshaw to the Admiralty Commissioners. Thanks for your good news, which I also heard of from Secretary Thurloe. I have sent notice of it to all parts, so that both friends and foes may know it. I trust such a signal and seasonable mercy, coming as a seal from Heaven in approbation of the unanimous vote of Parliament, will stop the mouths of such as scoffed at the undertaking of that war, and be an encouragement for the effectual carrying of it on by his Highness and the Parliament. Their good agreement is not the least of our mercies.

Though you seem satisfied that I have not been to blame about the powder and masts, yet I am troubled if those whom I employed neglected their duty so notoriously. I asked you in my last that a commission might be sent to examine into the frauds, and having been publicly traduced by the State's enemies, as false to my trust, I will use my utmost endeavours to search the business to the bottom, so that if the merchant here has played the knave, he may smart for it. I wonder at the badness of all the powder; it was bought in remote parts, there being none in the city, but the merchant who bought it was well-affected, and would not willingly buy bad powder. I hear that when it came in it was mixed with the store powder, so the fault may be in that at home, for ¼ of what was bought here was sold at current price 3 years after, and no fault found with it.

I never before had any fault found with the masts, and am surprised that after the first two ship loads of powder and masts proved so bad, order should be sent to buy a greater quantity without any notice of the defects of the former. If a fraud has been committed at Hamburg, such a commission, if effectually prosecuted, would find it out. I hope you have ordered payment of my disbursements, they being all the advantage I have had in the business. [1⅓ *pages*.]

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67. Major Robt. Beake to Robt. Blackborne. Thanks for your letter. Had I sat in the House I could not give you so satisfying an account as you send me. It is true that the motion of that great body is slow; there are many things on the wheel, I hope the Lord will make the whole end in a glorious peace. Remember me to Major Burton and Capt. Hatsell. [1 *page*.]

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68. C. George to Williamson. I send you the letter of change. I could not do better about [the rate of] exchange. [1 *page*, *French*.]

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69. Petition of Capt. John Limbrey to the Protector. By a statute of 8 Eliz., the Trinity House was enabled to erect and renew beacons. As Dungeness, on the coast of Kent, is very dangerous—a long point of land running out into the sea—Wm. Bullock, I, and others, at request of many thousand merchants and mariners, and with consent of the Trinity House, have at excessive charge erected and maintained a light there 40 years. The Earl of Thanet, on a pretence of a title in law to the ground where the light stands, prosecutes us to destroy the works, which must ruin many mariners, for, expecting the light, they will fall on the sands for want of it. I beg that the public may be provided for, whatever becomes of my private interest. With order 24 Oct. that as there is to be a trial at law on 30 Oct. Council take speedy care that a business so much concerning the lives and estates of merchants and mariners, and the safety of the State's ships of war, be not subjected to the will of the Earl of Thanet, but care taken to prevent inconvenience. With note of its being read in Council 26 Oct. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 25. Orleans. **70.** Edw. Norris to Mr. Williamson, at Mdlle. Poictevin's, Saumur. Tell Mr. Leigh that I, like a young hawk, flew the old partridge and turned tail. Though I found 10 pis[toles] with my clothes, yet send me a bill to receive the same sum at Orleans, and not in my trunk at Blois. [*Scrap.*]

Oct. 27. London. **71.** Jeffery Northleigh to Williamson. I sent off your 2 letters to Sir John [Lowther]. I send you one just come. I find my cousin Richard is expected home. If money is wanted, his father will supply it. [¼ *page.*]

Oct. 28. **72.** Petition of John Hele to Council. I beg a license for Thos. Warre, of White Sackington, co. Somerset, to come to London and remain this term, being conformable, the late proclamation notwithstanding, he being a principal agent in a case between me and my uncle, Hen. Rogers, to be heard this term, about the settlement of an estate. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 28. Order thereon granting the license. [*I.* 77, *p.* 457.]

Oct. 28. **73.** Petition of the owners of the Elizabeth of Newcastle, to the Protector. Our ship, amongst others under Dutch convoy, was surprized by Dunkirkers, who made it and the lading prize, but we have compounded for it, and it is ready to return on our sending a master. We beg a license and pass to John Gill to bring it home. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 28. Order thereon granting the pass and license. [*I.* 77, *p.* 461.]

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1. The Army Committee to order the War Treasurers to pay Col. Robt. Guibon one month's pay, according to the establishment, for the 6 newly-raised companies of foot, of 120 privates each, beside officers, and Lambert to speak with them about its being done quickly. Approved in person.

2. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers to deliver to Guibon 12 halberts for his foot regiment. Approved in person.

3. The Treasurer for Army contingencies to pay 2*s.* a day for fire and candles for the guard to be continued at Sandwich and Rye by the soldiers of Guibon's foot regiment. Approved in person.

4. Guibon to take order for repairing the carriages for some guns at Sandwich and Rye, and report what the charge will be, that the money may be provided. Approved in person.

5. Col. Jno. Hewson to be allowed a chaplain for his regiment of foot, whom the War Treasurers are to pay with the other officers. Approved in person.

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6. Fiennes and the Lord-Deputy to consider what was to-day propounded by his Highness concerning Sweden, and of sending someone to speak with Lord Geo. Fleetwood and others, and report their opinion of the whole matter to his Highness and Council. Approved in person.

10. Order—on a letter from Maj.-Gen. Chas. Howard—approving the continuance of Rich. Monk, John Harrison, John Robinson, and Rob. Jackson, as common councilmen of Carlisle, the late proclamation whereby they were suspended notwithstanding.

11. Order—on Sydenham's report, that, for answering some present emergencies, he has procured 2,000*l.* to be lent to the State by Sir Thos. Vyner and Edw. Backwell, goldsmith of London—that they pay it thus, 1,000*l.* to John Maidstone, steward of his Highness' household, and 1,000*l.* to Fras. Hodges, treasurer for the forces in Jamaica; and that his Highness be advised to order the Treasury Commissioners to repay it as soon as they can.

14. The Admiralty Commissioners to lend 2,000*l.* out of Excise money, to be given to John Maidstone for charges of his Highness' household, which the Exchequer will repay the first opportunity. Approved in person.

15. The rents and arrears of rents in Scotland, formerly belonging to the kings of Scotland, to be paid into the English Exchequer, whereof the Treasury Commissioners are to order payment accordingly; and they are to speedily call in what now is due, and pay it to John Maidstone, as part of what is due to him from this quarter, towards the charges of his Highness' household.

16. Order—on information that divers arms are found at Sir Robert Shirley's house in ———shire, which were lately furbished and disposed with most advantage to their secrecy—that John Brown, John Mansell, and Wm. Ward, examine Sir Rob. Shirley's steward and others concerning these arms, whence they came, why they were lately dressed, why so lodged, &c., and whether Sir Rob. Shirley has arms anywhere else, and if so where, and report. Approved in person.

17. Approval of the certificate of 3 Oct., from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, for an augmentation of 25*l.* to be continued to the minister of Keinton, co. Devon, and paid to Dr. Geo. Kendall, present minister. Approved by the Protector in person.

18. Order—on report on the petition of Deborah Love [*see* 9 *Sept.* 1656]—that a small sinecure rectory at Penstroyd, co. Montgomery, unclaimed for 8 years, be settled on John Luntley, minister, nominated in trust for Mrs. Love. Approved 1 Nov. *Annexing*,

I. *Particulars of the said rectory, petitioned for by Thos. Haughton, but refused in* 1647 *by Vavasour Powell, because it was tithes.* [½ *page.*]

19. The petition and report in the case of the officers attending the Court of Articles to be considered at Council's next sitting.

20. Order to advise the adoption of Lambert's report on the

best way to manage the night fires for the guard at Whitehall, of a desire from the guard at Whitehall, the Mews, and James' House, for 3*s.* a day to be allowed each regiment, reckoning 2 of horse to equal 1 of foot, and for the money to be given them, that they may regulate the expense according to the coldness of the weather.

21. The executors of Maj.-Gen. Chas. Worsley to be allowed one whole year's salary, according to his pay by the establishment, as Major General of cos. Stafford, Chester, and Lancaster, which the Army Committee is to take order for. Approved 2 Dec.

22. The pay of Tobias Bridges, as Major General for those counties, to begin from the date of his commission, the preceding order notwithstanding. Approved 23 Dec.

23. Order—on report on a reference of the order of 16th inst. to Lambert, to speak with some Majors General, and report where 408*l.*, due 24 June last to Thos. Dunn, registrar for receiving appearances in London, for himself, his clerk, and house rent may best be charged—that Maj.-Gen. Bridges pay Dunn 200*l.* towards it out of the militia moneys received in his association. Approved 23 Dec.

24. The Majors General and Commissioners to diminish or vary the proportions of the allowance settled for their clerk, doorkeeper, messengers, and contingencies, but not to exceed the proportion allowed. Approved 27 Nov.

25. Order—on information that Hen. Howard has been arrested in the north as a Jesuit, and is in prison at Durham—that he be sent for in custody to answer the charges against him before Council.

26. Order—on reading an order of the council of officers, of the 10th inst., concerning an allowance of 500*l.* for clerks, messengers, &c., employed on survey of the 4 forests, set apart for satisfaction of the army—that Lambert, Sydenham, Jones, and Strickland, confer with the said officers thereon, Council being very ready to comply therewith, if they conveniently can, and report. *Annexing,*

> **75.** *Order in the council of officers alluded to—that to the members included in the order of Council of the* 18*th instant, for inspecting the evils that accrue to the purchasers of lands set apart for satisfaction of the army, be added Majors Creed and Campfield, and Lieut.-Col. Pownell; also to represent that* 500*l. proposed for incident charges, though very necessary for carrying on the work, is not included in the order of his Highness and Council touching the survey of the said forests. Signed by Col. Thos. Pride,* 10 *Oct.* 1656. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

27. Order—on certificate from some Commissioners in co. Essex, on a reference on the petition of Hugh Williams, of Low Layton, clerk, certifying that several ministers and others of good repute attest his piety, diligence, and good affection to the State, and his non-compliance with the contrary interest, and are satisfied that his

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ministry may be serviceable—that the Maj.-General and Commissioners of the county consider the certificate, and allow him to preach, if they think meet. Approved by his Highness' reference to Council's order.

29. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay John Blackwell and Rich. Deane, War-treasurers, 1,041*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, wherewith to pay a month's arrears to the officers and soldiers of Col. Biscoe's foot regiment, to equalize them with the rest of the army.

30. The Army Committee to order the War-treasurers to pay Biscoe the above by virtue of his Highness' privy seal. Approved 1 Nov.

32. The report of the Committee of Council on Mr. Swinton's case to be considered the next sitting of Council.

34. Joseph Sawyer, son of John Sawyer, late of Kettering, co. Northampton, being imprisoned with other apprentices in the Tower, about the time of the late insurrection, and released on security for good demeanour by himself, Major John Boteler and Capt. Robt. Guy, and Council being satisfied of his conformity to the present government, Sir John Barkstead is to deliver up his bond to be cancelled. [*I.* 77, *p.* 454–461.]

[Oct. 29.] Orleans. **76.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. I have received your letter and money, and am almost ready to start for Blois; we have little news here.

P.S.—My father is in London, lodged at Old Palace Yard. [1 *page.*]

[Oct. 31.] **77, 78.** Petition of John Hooke to the Protector. My estate was chiefly in money, and in the hands of delinquents, most of whom have lost their whole estates, so that I am undone. I hazarded life and fortune in the wars; I sent out a brother who was a captain, and died, and I supported him in his sickness, and was to be paid from his arrears. I lost one son in service in Ireland, and my only other son is now in service in the Indies, and I am a Commissioner for Monthly Assessments.

All my requests for leave to export butter and cheese having been fruitless, I now beg employment in the Wine Office, where I could better establish the work, and bring in thousands more, or a yearly allowance from it till I obtain other employment. With reference, 17 March 1655–6, to Mulgrave and Rous, their report that 2,000*l.* is owing him from delinquents, and that the House of Lords ordered him Lawrence Swetnam's place in the Wine Office, but before it was reported to the Commons, the Lords' house was dissolved, and recommending him to favour. [2 *papers.*]

[Oct. 31.] **79.** Like petition for a small tenement in co. Herts under 40*l.* a year, fallen void by escheat, which he will try to recover as forfeit, at his own cost. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 31. Order to the Treasury Commissioners to receive the information about the escheat, examine the title, and make the petitioner an allowance for his discovery. [*I.* 77, *p.* 464.]

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Oct. 31. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Lambert, Sydenham, and Jones, with Col. Clarke, to treat with Sir. Thos. Vyner and Mr. Backwell about the plate and money lately brought in by the fleet, and offer their conclusion thereupon for Council's approbation.

3. Order on an account of work done for a house in Spring Garden, where Gen. Desborow lives, amounting to 1,928*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.*, that the overplus above 1,000*l.* be brought to the State's account by Embree the surveyor.

4. To advise a grant to Sir Gilb. Pickering of a lease of the house built by him at the end of the Old Tilt Yard, near Whitehall, for 99 years.

7. The petitions and papers of James Freer referred to any 3 of Council, to report.

8. Also that of John Hopkins, doorkeeper to the Drury House Commissioners.

9, 11, 13. Approval of Lambert's report from the Committee of Council this day appointed to treat with Sir Thos. Vyner and Mr. Backwell concerning the money and plate brought home with Gen. Montague, *viz.*, that the whole be coined in the Tower; that they advance 50,000*l.* presently (which they will enlarge to 60,000*l.* if desired), and 10,000*l.* weekly, which they will enlarge to 15,000*l.* if desired, but the agreement to be 50,000*l.* and 10,000*l.*; that for the bars of silver marked 2380 they pay 5*s.* 4½*d.* an ounce (a halfpenny being abated out of 5*s.* 4½*d.* for the advance of the money and their trouble and charge in coinage); that for the bars of a lower mark they pay according to value and fineness; that for the Mexican coin they pay after the rate of the placard at the Mint, which is 4*s.* 11¾*d.* an ounce (abating a farthing as before), and for the Peru money at 4*s.* 10¼*d.* an ounce, being a farthing less than the Mint price. Approved by the Protector, on its being presented to him by Lambert and Sydenham.

10. Col. Clerk to draw up in writing the agreement of to-day with Sir Thos. Vyner and Mr. Backwell for the above plate and money, and settle the days for paying the 60,000*l.*

14. Order on a certificate from Mr. Bowes and Mr. Sydenham that Geo. Jones, a poor blind man, is found on the musters as returned from Jamaica as a private soldier from 23 July 1655 to 4 March 1655–6, for which his payment would be 10*l.* 10*s.*—that Hodges, the treasurer for Jamaica forces, pay him the 10*l.* 10*s.*

15. Order on a certificate from Col. Edw. Doyley that Ant. Scales, a soldier under Capt.-Lieut. Blagg in Gen. Venables' late regiment, has lost an eye, is distempered in his brain through a wound, and has been discharged as unfit for service, that Hodges, the treasurer, pay him 10*l.* for his relief.

16. The report of Maj.-Gen. Haynes and Commissary-Gen. Stane on John Goodfellow's petition concerning some jewels and money, part of the late estate of Mr. Toomes, *felo-de-se*, seized by Maj.-Gen. Worsley, referred to any 3 of Council to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 462–465.]

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Oct. 31. Additional instructions to the Majors General of counties, according to an order of July 31.

Whereas by several Ordinances, Orders of Parliament, and Orders of the Committee for Plundered Ministers, there has been allowed to sequestered ministers ⅕ of the profits of the livings, for maintenance of themselves and their families, and whereas the payment thereof has lately been forborne by the ministers holding the livings, and the persons aggrieved have no way of relief, you are hereby required to send for the persons concerned, examine the business, and if you find no just cause for discharging the ⅕, order the arrears to be paid, and the payment to be continued. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 462–3.]

Oct. 31. **80.** Will of Geo. Sparkes, merchant tailor of London, naming his wife Elizabeth, who is to have for life the lease of his garden in New Street, Fetter Lane, his sons Charles and John, and his daughter Elizabeth, wife of Rich. Deacon. He leaves 6*l.* for a dinner to the 60 members of the Merchant Tailors' Company, and 5*l.* to its officers; also 5*l.* to the poor of St. Dunstan's-in-the-West. His wife is executrix and residuary legatee. Proved 25 Nov. 1656. [1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 31 / Nov. 9. Blois. **81.** Edw. Norris to his "father" Williamson, at Saumur. I arrived here yesterday at 8 p.m. in good company, but a little weary. I am lodged at Mr. Gray's at 14 crowns a month. I shall find it hard to spend one month without the happiness of seeing you at Saumur, and having your good company. Pardon my want of eloquence. [½ *page, French.*]

Oct. **82.** Petition of Wm. Luck, minister, Geo. Pearson, senior and junior, Chris. Faucit, John Nicholson, John Ward, John Burton, and John Snawden to the Protector. Leonard Coniers, late vicar of Lestingham, in the North Riding of co. York, was ejected for scandal, and Luck was desired to officiate, which he did, but on Lord's day was molested by Coniers, who pretended not to know of the order of ejection, so it was read out by Luck. Thereupon Chris. Meade deposed before Benj. Norcliffe, J.P., that the order was served on a Lord's day, and got warrants to levy 5*l.* a-piece on the petitioners therefor. All the other justices of peace thought that the reading of the order did not bring them within the law, and that the fines should not be levied, but Norcliffe still persisted. Yet for the information, Meade was found guilty of perjury by a grand inquest. Beg a stop to the warrants, and acquittal from the fines. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

82. I. *Certificate by Jo. Wastell, Tho. Smelt, Thos. Harrison, Mat. Brokwith, and Wm. Ayscough to the effect of the above petition.* 5 *signatures and seals,* 9 *and* 17 *Oct.* 1676. [1 *page.*]

Oct. ? **83.** Petition of Wm. Luck, minister, John Bradley, Chris. Faucit, and John Dent, for others of the North Riding of co. York, to the Protector. We are thankful for our tranquility under you, and tender of making appeals against any, yet we are constrained, in regard to the public peace, to inform that Benj. Norcliffe, J.P., has no constant residence in the Riding, perverts law, countenances enemies of the State and profane persons, is an usurer and swearer, and grants licences to captains in the late King's army and other enemies to keep inns and alehouses, contrary to your instructions, all which we can prove. 4 signatures. [1 *sheet.*]

Oct.? **84.** Petition of the officers at arms to Parliament. For some years, and especially since the Parliamentary Committee for regulating the office of arms has ceased to sit, great abuses have been committed in the wearing of arms and erecting of monuments, and atchievements and escutcheons have been used at the burial of executed malefactors, the continuance of which will destroy all the distinctions anciently used in this nation. Beg redress. With a note by —— relating to the prosecution of Hancock, Browne, and Crowne at the Committee for Examinations, the searching and sequestering of me, my imprisonment, and after accusation in Barebones' Parliament, all from July 1643 to Sept. 1653, without intermission. [1½ *pages. Endorsed with notes of grants from Rich. II. and Edw. III. of the temporalities of bishoprics.*]

Ludovic Bray to the King. That you may not think my request unreasonable, I inform you that my grandmother's affection to the Queen of Scots was such that she persuaded my grandfather to mortgage Cottingham near Hull, worth 500*l.* a year, and the Queen had most of the money. Queen Elizabeth unjustly putting the Queen of Scots to death, my grandfather could not redeem the estate, and thus the estate of my father suffered; he came in servant to King James, then served your father and you, and died a prisoner for you. Milston Edges, in Derbyshire, and the rest of our estate, very ancient in our family, Parliament sold to Sir Edw. Leatch. My father had with my mother 5,000*l.*, which he spent at Court. I have not been wanting when I might promote your affairs. The year that Duke Hamilton came into England, 15,000 Kentish men came up near Greenwich; I was drinking Epsom waters for my health. Lord Fairfax was marching from Windsor to meet them with but 2,000 men, yet was reported to have 10,000 men well appointed. I knew this rumour would startle the Kentish men and send them home, and yet, had they beaten Fairfax so near London, they had set the King on his throne again. So though I was ill, I took horse to persuade them to keep together and fight, but met so many returning home that I could not pass. I rode to Rochester and told them how small Fairfax's force was to theirs, but they would not fight, so I said I could serve you better in Cambridgeshire, and I left them. The enemy pursued me, but having a good horse I got to the fens, got over by boat to Essex, and applied to Jas. Reynoldes, and engaged him to raise 500 men in 2 days. On his march to Cambridge, a party too strong for him dispersed him.

When I came to the Court at Richmond, I was learning to be a merchant, but my father told your father that if he would give him a place, with leave to resign it to me when you were created Prince of Wales, he would not make me a merchant. This the King promised, and ordered that I should wait on you meantime, so I

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waited on you part of an apprenticeship before these wars. Endorsed by Nicholas. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Oct. London. Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish. Having appointed Sir Roger Middleton, now at the Morea, to be consul there, we give you notice thereof, desiring you to furnish him with such authority and command as are necessary for his establishment, and give a speedy dispatch therein. [*Levant papers, Vol. IV., p.* 284.]

Oct. London. Levant Company to Roger Middleton. These are to give you notice that the Levant Company, out of their love and affection for you, and in hopes that you will fully answer their expectation, have chosen you consul at the Morea, and have, with the consent of your friends here, made several articles of agreement, answerable to those of your predecessors, one part whereof will be sent you, to be sealed, delivered, and witnessed there, which you are to do within 14 days of receipt thereof, and transmit hither to us on the first opportunity. For your effecting this, and your performance of the articles, your friends are obliged in 2,000*l.* penalty. With your answer thereto, let us know in whose hands you desire the counterpart of the articles to remain. [*Levant papers, Vol. IV., p.* 284.]

[Oct.] [Orleans.] **85.** Edw. Norris to Williamson, Saumur. I have sent letters and a bill for you to Paris. I would not hazard a month more here, so buy me a trunk and send me 10 pistoles and all my clothes to the house where you lay, or any other you think convenient. I hope to be there on Friday. I doubt about Equide's (?) house, because his horses are ill managed. I had promised Mr. Gray, but Mr. Manchy is a mathematician and master of languages. I am glad you are to have Mr. Paget, yet at his age it is hazardous, for reproof galls, and yet I have heard nothing but good of him. My mother forbids me to think of Italy, but invites me to Paris, not knowing the expense. [1 *page, noted answered Nov.* 1.]

Oct. ? **86.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. The last 3 days a partridge (?) has visited me at 7 a.m.; I thought at first that it was to accuse me of ingratitude to my mistress, for not having visited her since my arrival, but it was for Mr. Lowther and Whorwood; I must leave you to solve the enigma. [*French, fragment, much damaged.*]

Oct. Notes of the members of Council appointed by Council to sit on numerous committees specified, from 26 March 1655 to 2 Oct. 1656, all occurring in the Council order books. *I.* 122, *pp.* 1–22.]

Nov. 1. **87.** Petition of Sarah, relict of John Vincent, to the Protector. Her husband, being a persecuted minister under the late bishops, came in 1642 from Cornwall to London, lent Parliament 60*l.* out of the small remains of his plundered estate, and was settled in 1644 by the Committee for Plundered Ministers at Sedgfield, co. Durham, but it was rather a loss, on account of heavy expenses, and his death in 1646. She kept the living by order, spending 247*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* for supply of the cure, in hopes of obtaining it for Mr. Junes, an able Godly man, her son-in-law, who was settled there, but surreptitiously outed by Mr. Lapthorne, and she was only ordered the

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247*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* which she has not received, notwithstanding many orders and long expenseful journeys to recover it, while Lapthorne detains the whole profits of the rectory, 400*l.* or 500*l.* a-year, though the Committee only ordered him 200*l.* from it. Begs the 60*l.* loan, the 247*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*, and an allowance from the surplus of the rectory, having 7 children, while Lapthorne is rich, childless, and through age unable to preach. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

87. I. *Order in the Committee for Plundered Ministers on the petition of the parishioners of Sedgfield, settling Mr. Lapthorne for one year in the rectory to which he was appointed by the Northern Committee, with* 200*l. a year profits; the remaining profits of the rectory to be distributed among the ministers of the neighbouring chapels.* 7 *May* 1647. [*Copy,* 2 *pages.*]

87. II. *Like order for payment to Mrs. Vincent of* 247*l.* 8*s.* 0*d. from the profits of the rectory;* 9 *of the parishioners appointed to attend to it.* 11 *June* 1647. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

Nov. 1. Reference thereon in Council to Lambert and Strickland, to speak with Lapthorne if he be in town, if not, with Maj.-Gen. Rob. Lilburne, consider how the petitioner may be relieved, and report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 470.]

Nov 1. Council. Day's Proceedings.

(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1. The Committee appointed 14 Oct. to consider what to advise his Highness concerning petitions, to meet between now and the 4th, to consider fit rules and limitations therein, and also the matter in debate to-day concerning Masters of Requests, and to report next Tuesday.

2. Order—on a letter from the mayor of Plymouth, stating that on information that a sailor, Jos. Harrison, of the Speaker, deserted his ship and embezzled some silver belonging to the State, he imprisoned him, and has found the bar of silver of 40 lbs. weight—that his proceedings be approved by letter, and that the Admiralty Commissioners consider what should be done with the offender, and with the plate.

6.* Order—on reading an order of Parliament, of 31 Oct. last, concerning removing records in the room over the Parliament House—that Scobell and Jessop, clerks of Council, and Bodurda, keeper of the said records, view the rooms in the Chapter House adjoining Westminster Abbey, with a view to their fitness for receiving the said records, and that the keeper of the Chapter House permit the said view.

7, 8.* The agreement with Sir Thos. Vyner and Mr. Backwell about the Spanish prize money read, *viz.* Agreement that the prize plate and coin belonging to the State, which is to come in the fleet with Gen. Montague, be brought to the Tower, and there delivered to them, to be coined at the Mint at their charge, and then disposed of

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to their use. They to pay for the same as agreed 31 Oct. The payments to be as follows:—

	£
Before 10 Nov. next - - -	50,000
Within 7 days after - - -	10,000
Weekly afterwards - - -	10,000

till the whole parcel is paid for. If the money is needed earlier for the State's service, they will pay it earlier on notice if able.

9. This agreement approved, with the addition, that if any gold should have been melted down with any of the silver bars to any considerable value, it be excepted from the bargain. Jessop to acquaint Vyner and Backwell of this.

10.* (1.) Sir John Berkstead to remove Dr. Wren, prisoner in the Tower, from the rooms he and his family inhabit, and lodge them elsewhere.

(2.) The said rooms to be cleared and used to dispose of the Spanish prize money, some of which is expected from Portsmouth to-night.

(3.) Those who have charge of the waggons, &c., of plate to bring them straight from Portsmouth to the Tower, and unlade them there, in such rooms as the lieutenant shall appoint, seal the boxes and other parcels, and take the keys of the rooms for security, till the parcels be opened and delivered.

(4.) The Lieutenant of the Tower to deliver up the keys of the rooms accordingly, and set a guard over them.

(5.) Those in charge of the waggons to deliver the plate and money by number, weight, and mark, according to the invoices, into the charge of Capt. Sharpe, whom the lieutenant has nominated, and begin delivering it next Monday, the 3rd instant.

(6.) Sharpe to deliver the same to Vyner and Backwell, keeping an exact account thereof, and the several species of coin distinct.

(7.) Mr. Birch, officer of the mint, and Capt. Sharpe to take charge of the scales, at the weighing of the plate and money, and make entries of the weight of each draught, the number of sows, bars, &c., and the particular marks of fineness, keeping those having the same mark together, for better clearing of accounts and preventing confusion.

(8.) The Lieutenant of the Tower to advise and assist in the management of the affair.

11.* The money due from Vyner and Backwell for the Spanish plate to be paid into the Exchequer.

12.* The first 20,000*l.* so paid to be used for the navy.

13. To advise a warrant to pay to the Navy Treasurer the 20,000*l.* out of the receipts for the prize plate and money brought home by Col. Montague's fleet.

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14. The Admiralty Commissioners to give in an estimate of the expense of paying off the fleets lately come from the southwards, and from Jamaica.

15. The Committee of Council on charters to consider the two drafts of charters prepared by Shephard and the rest of the Committee joined with them, one for the corporation of Chipping Wycombe, and the other for that of Blandford, and to report.

16.* Maj.-Gen. Whalley to take effectual order that from the militia money raised in his association, Major Hez. Haynes be paid 1,240*l.* on account, according to an order of 21 March 1655–6, and Haynes' acquitance to be sufficient receipt.

18. Order—on petition of Dame Eliz. Pawlett, wife of John Ashburnham — that the Serjeant-at-arms under whose charge Ashburnham is deliver him to the Lieutenant of the Tower, who is to allow no one to speak to him without special leave from himself.

19. In last Tuesday's order, on behalf of Debŏrah Love, John Luntley to be inserted as the person to be settled in the rectory of Penstroyd, in trust for her.

20. The 2,000*l.* ordered to be paid from customs and excise to John Maidstone to be paid from the moneys payable by Vyner and Backwell instead.

21. None of the money paid by them to be disposed to other uses than the army, navy, and his Highness' household. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 465–471.]

Nov. 1. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Justinian Peard, Esq., mayor of Plymouth. In reply to your letter of 28 Oct., and the examinations enclosed, his Highness and Council approve your proceedings, thank you for your care, and desire your continued diligence for discovering and apprehending like offenders, and seizing money and goods embezzled. For the disposal of the money and the prisoner, you shall shortly receive directions from the Admiralty Commissioners. [*I.* 77, *p.* 465.]

Nov. 1. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Francis Willoughby, Navy Commissioner, and Major Murford, Deputy-governor of Portsmouth. His Highness and Council considering that Capt. Lyons, John Portman, or some other discontented persons formerly related to the Navy, may take the opportunity of the return of the fleet to infuse evil principles into the seamen, desire you to apprehend such if you find them tampering with the sailors at Portsmouth, secure them, and send a speedy account to Council. [*I.* 77, *p.* 466.]

Nov. $\frac{2}{12}$. Paris. **88.** C. Georges to Williamson. I have sent you some goods by the Saumur messenger, and the bill. Commend me to the young gentlemen. [*Scrap. French.*]

Nov. 4. **89, 90.** Petition of Rich. Brambly, of Speenhamland, co. Berks, to the Protector. Being a constable during the late insurrection, I was commanded by a warrant under your hand to press horses for your

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service; I pressed a mare from John Normanton, senr., and he and his family forcibly detained her, with many blows, and now they bring an action of assault against me, and being themselves witnesses, have procured a verdict, and threaten to bring more suits, though I never struck one of them. The verdict was procured against the Judge's directions, by the malignity or weakness of the jury. I beg indemnity against Normanton and his family. With order thereon, 24 Sept. 1656, signed by the Protector, to Major Rich. Fincher and Capt. Wm. Thornhill to enquire into the case and compose it or certify, and their report that the defendants refuse to end the difference, or forbear proceedings at law, and should satisfy the petitioner for his wrongs, and that Normanton is a turbulent and contentious man. [2 *papers.*] *Annexing,*

90. I. *Major Fincher and Capt. Thornhill to Wm. Malyn, the Protector's secretary. We send our report on Brambly's case; speed is required to prevent execution. If he is not indemnified, it will much discourage honest people in executing such warrants. Had the petitioner been at home, the Normantons would have been indicted for abuse at the quarter sessions, but he was driven away to avoid their vexatious suits. Newbury,* 9 *Oct.* 1656. [1 *page.*]

90. II. *Wm. Malyn to the Protector. The enclosed are the papers of the constable of Berkshire, indicted for pressing a horse in the Salisbury insurrection. You bade me remind you of it the next sitting of Council, that the man might be sent for.* [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Nov. 4. Order thereon in Council summoning Normanton to appear before them this day week. [*I.* 77, *p.* 477.]

Nov. 4. Council. Day's Proceedings.

(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

Nov. 4. 1. All licenses for horses henceforth granted to have a time limited beyond which they shall not continue in force.

4. A convoy for France granted to Henry Lord Kensington, and the Admiralty Commissioners to order it.

5. Order on a letter from the Army Committee to the Commissioners for Discoveries—that there is a discovery of moneys pretended to be in the hands of John Garland, of Tadwick, co. York, receiver of assessments for the county, but that in June 1654 they empowered Eliah Palmer and Thos. Walker to receive such sums, and they reported the 70*l.* to be in Garland's hands, and therefore, if this be the same money, it should not be allowed as a discovery—that if it be the same, the Commissioners for Discoveries are to stay further proceedings thereon. *Annexing,*

91. *Letter of the Army Committee alluded to,* 17 *Sept.* 1656. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, damaged.*]

7. John Baynes, receiver of the revenue in Scotland, to pay to the Exchequer of England all the sums he has received or shall receive from the revenue in Scotland called property and casualty.

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8. Maj. Rich. Salway's letter and a paper enclosed, concerning enclosing and setting to sale several coppices in Whichwood Forest, co. Oxon, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to give such order therein as they think advantageous to the Commonwealth.

10. The draft of an order concerning the better satisfaction of the donatives, debts, and incumbrances, and of the provision for wives and children out of the estates of excepted persons in Scotland, read and agreed to, *viz.*,—

11. Order on report from the Committee on the petition of creditors of confiscated persons in Scotland. Similar to that of Oct. 16, in article (1), except that the date for the second payment is changed from 24 June to 29 Sept. Also in article (2), after which is added,—

> That out of the first moiety of the said fines, those who have interest in the donatives are to be paid one-half, at the rate of 10 years' purchase, *viz.*, (1) of purchasers of donatives who are creditors to the excepted persons; (2) purchasers who are cautionaries to them; (3) other purchasers; (4) purchasers interested in unsold donatives. On payment of ½, and security for the other ½, the purchasers are to give up possession of the donative.

In case the excepted persons do not pay or give security for payment of the first ½, such of the creditors as offer payment and security may have the benefit designed for the excepted persons, and be admitted to such part of their estates as they choose, for satisfaction of the fine, before any other debts are paid out of the estate, and before the other creditors who refuse to pay their proportion.

The acquittances of these persons to be as valid as if the money had been paid into the Exchequer.

If any have bought at higher rate than 10 years' purchase, the overplus is to be restored by the owner.

Article (3) omitted and article (4) similar to that of Oct. 16, including the following order relating to Gen. Monk. [*See p.* 135, *supra.*]

13. Order on certificate from the Committee appointed for securing the peace in co. Dorset—that Mr. Culliford has declared his good affection to the present Government, and has offered 50*l.* in testimony thereof, and that they believe him to be hearty in affection and fit to be discharged from his decimation and bond for good behaviour—that he be so discharged. Approved 23 Oct. *Annexing.*

92. *Report alluded to, signed by Col. John Bingham and* 10 *others. Dorchester* 21 *Aug.* 1656. [1 *page.*]

93. 14. A paper concerning moneys payable to the Commissioners for Sequestered Estates, and the officers therein mentioned, for salaries and incident charges, referred to Sydenham, Desborow, Montague, and Jones, to report.

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15. The same Committee to consider the arrears due to Col. Ant. Rous, as an Admiralty Commissioner and a Judge for Probate of Wills, and to report what it amounts to for the time of his employment, according to the proportion allowed to others.

17. Order on petition of Hen. Wollaston, late keeper of Newgate Prison—shewing that, by warrants of the House of Commons in 1641, 1642, and 1643, several prisoners were committed to Newgate who must have perished if not relieved by the petitioner, the charge whereof amounts to 721*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*; that he obtained an order from the House of Commons referring his petition to the then Treasury Committee at Guildhall, to pay him next after Sir Wm. Waller and Mr. Eastwick, but, as the Treasury was taken off from them, they suggested that the easiest way of payment would be by Ordinance of Parliament out of Goldsmiths' Hall or the Excise; but that nevertheless he has hitherto received nothing of the said money, nor yet of a debt of 94*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* with interest, due to him on the public faith—that both debts and interest be paid him out of half such discovery of concealed money, &c., as he shall make to the Commissioners, who shall certify it to the Treasury Commissioners, and they may pay him accordingly. Approved 23 Dec.

18. The petition of Jas. Harbin and Abr. Man, of Sandwich, Kent, referred to the Commissioners for regulation of Excise, to consider and certify.

His Highness present.

20.* Order for a letter to the Lord Deputy of Ireland, Maj.-General of co. Bucks, to write to Sir Geo. Fleetwood to dismiss the innkeeper of Aylesbury from being his captain-lieutenant.

21.* The Commissioners for Prize Goods, with Sam. Bartlett, an officer of the Mint, to search among the indigo and other goods taken in the Spanish prize, and now coming into the river, whether there be not any gold, silver, or cochineal, amongst the said goods.

22.* Sam. Bartlett added to Mr. Birch and Capt. Sharpe, in the delivering of the prize plate and money to Sir Thos. Vyner and Edw. Backwell, and in taking charge of the balance at the weighing. *Annexing,*

94. *Detailed account of the plate and silver brought from Portsmouth, and delivered to Capt. Sharpe, Sam. Bartlett, and Thos. Birch. Total,* 14,221 *lbs.* 8 *oz.* 10 *dwts.* [11 *pages.*]

23.* Capt. Lloyd, who is coming up with the money from Portsmouth, to observe the directions given 1 Nov. about the prize plate and money, and Sharpe, Birch, and Bartlett, to do the same.

24.* Order on petition of the Governor, Deputy-Assistants, and Fellowship of Merchant Adventurers of England, that Mr. Secretary prepare a letter on the present debate, to send to the States General and to the States of Holland, and report the same before Thursday.

25.* The Commissioners for the Dutch Treaty and Mr. Secretary to communicate the substance of the said petition to the Dutch ambassador, with his Highness' and Council's resentment thereof, and to speak with Sir Christ. Pack thereon, if they think fit.

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26.* Next Thursday Council to consider of a fit person to be sent into Holland.

27.* To prepare a letter to the King of Denmark, concerning the King of Sweden's affairs.

28.* The Committee formerly appointed to consider the business of the King of Sweden's affairs to agree on a letter, and report to Council; the Committee to meet next Thursday afternoon.

29.* Sydenham, Jones, and Strickland to examine and report what is due to Embree on his account.

95. 30.* Lieut.-Col. Ashton to be detained in Newgate as a person dangerous to the State, till further order.

31.* Thos. White, mayor of Dover, Wm. Cullen, Nath. Smith, John Briant, Fred. Devincke, — Stratford, and John Price, appointed Commissioners to examine all persons coming into or leaving Dover port, and none to pass without their approbation.

32.* None to be permitted to use any shallop in Dover port, but such as have given good security not to carry out or bring in any prohibited goods, or persons not approved of.

33.* The Society of Lincoln's Inn to proceed this term to elect a preacher in Dr. Rives' place, any applications to his Highness made by him notwithstanding.

35.* John Parry, late receiver-general for the monthly assessments, co. Carnarvon, who was ordered up in custody 30 Oct. 1655, on a petition of the Commissioners for the said assessment, about his receipts, to be discharged from imprisonment, he having undertaken with the said Commissioners to perfect his account.

37.* Order that 225*l.* be paid to Maj.-Gen. Packer, out of moneys discovered by him or by the Peace Commissioners for cos. Herts, Bucks, and Oxon, to be in the hands of any persons, for defraying the charge of colours, drums, &c., for the militia forces in the said counties.

38.* The governor of Windsor Castle to deliver to Col. Smith 200 fire-arms, besides the 400 formerly ordered, for supply of the militia raised by him in co. Oxon; the said 600 arms to be 250 firelocks, 250 matchlocks, and 100 pikes.

39. Order on report on the petition of Margaret, wife of John Swinton, of Swinton, to advise that Swinton—being forfeited in 1650 by the Parliament of Scotland for adhering to the English forces in Scotland, and thus liable to confiscation—be discharged from all forfeitures, and the estate of his late father granted to him. Also that as he has resigned a grant by the Commissioners of Parliament of Misselburgh manor and other lands, reserve rent 100*l.* a year, the same be re-granted to him, reserving 50*l.* Scottish money, the grant to be signed by the Protector, and to pass under the Great Seal of Scotland. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 473–483.]

Nov. 4. **96.** Order in the Admiralty Committee, transmitting to the Protector and Council an information (missing) sent to Gen. Monk by the Governor of Orkney. [½ *page.*]

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1656. Nov. 6. Worcester House. **97.** Order in the Committee for Discoveries, that whereas Capt. Wm. Murford informed of the concealment by Thos. Adams of the $\frac{1}{5}$ and $\frac{1}{20}$ of Sir Rob. Banister's estate, but cannot prove his case without access to papers in the custody of Mr. Domvill, registrar to the Committee at Duchy House—that Domvill attend with the books and papers, and certify his knowledge on 10 Nov. [1 *page damaged.*]

Nov. 10. **98.** Petition of Hannah, widow of Silvanus Smith, to the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded, for relief and maintenance, her husband being in all the late engagements with the Dutch, and killed in the Fagon by an anchor, and she in debt and poverty. With certificate of Edm. Pearson and And. Boult, churchwardens, and 2 others, of Botolph's, Aldgate, in her favour, 29 Dec. 1655. With holograph signed by the Protector. "Forasmuch as I apprehend by the certificate hereto annexed, and by the case stated in the petition, that it is all one as if the petitioner's husband had been killed by a shot from the enemy, as to have his brains beaten out with the anchor, if the case be as is suggested and certified, I think that in equity the relict of the person so killed as aforesaid should be considered of as the widow of one slain in the fight, and therefore desire you to reconsider the condition of the petitioner." [1 *page.*]

Nov. $\frac{10}{20}$. Blois. **99.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. Thanks for yours. His Highness has killed at the chase, not a dragon, but a wolf, so furious that I am almost afraid of passing his head at the door.

Gray has returned from Paris. I only want 20 pistoles to learn to ride, to keep warm this winter. Pray send all my things to Blois, as those I have are too shabby for fine weather, Also I want 4 or 5 pistoles for little things. [1 *page, French, damaged.*]

Nov. 11. **100, 101.** Petition of Wm. Belke, late preacher at Chilham, near Canterbury, to the Protector. I was sequestered from Wotton rectory, Kent, by order of the Committee for Plundered Ministers of 8 Aug. 1644, but on 5 Dec. 1645, they wrote me that their censure was to be no obstacle to my obtaining other employment, as they were satisfied of my conformity to Parliament, orthodoxy, and good life; on this I was presented to Chilham, and preached till your late declaration enjoined silence. Having a wife and 10 children, I beg to be enabled to serve the church, and be helpful to my family. With reference thereon to the Major General and Commissioners of the county, to enquire in their public meeting into the character of the petitioner, and meanwhile suspend proceedings against him, 24 June 1656; report of Maj.-Gen. Kelsey and 9 others, that Belke does not come within the declaration of 24 Nov., and should be suffered to exercise his ministry, 29 July; and further reference to Council, 8 Aug. [2 *papers.*]

Nov. 11. Order thereon in Council that he be allowed to exercise his ministry, his former sequestration by the Committee for Plundered Ministers notwithstanding. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 489.]

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(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners that they order one of the frigates on the western station to take up 8,000 pieces of beef and 8,000 of pork now at Plymouth, and sail to Gen. Blake forthwith.

2. Order on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners as to the expense of paying off the fleets lately come in from the southward, and from Jamaica, to advise a warrant to pay 30,000*l.* to the Navy Treasurer from moneys paid by Sir T. Vyner and Ald. Backwell for Spanish plate and coin.

3. Order to advise a warrant for payment without fees of 100*l.* ordered to Capt. Rob. Storey, 1 Oct. 1656.

4.* Order that Wm. Claxton, Treasurer for Army contingencies, pay John Talbot 2,059*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*, and Wm. Harris 4,009*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*, in full of 6,069*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* ordered them 11 and 13 Sept. last, for pay of Sir John Copplestone's foot regiment.

5,* 6*. Order on report of the Admiralty Commissioners—that they have examined the accounts of Major John Wade and find his receipts, from 1655, to be 12,608*l.* 0*s.* 9¾*d.*, his expenses (including 1,020*l.* for timber and iron for the navy) 10,705*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.*, balance in hand 1,902*l.* 6*s.* 6¾*d.*—with stock in hand value 9,446*l.*, which is profit above all charges—approving his past proceedings the past 3 years, for which they advise that he receive 500*l.*, and also that he be continued in office, receiving a commission and instructions;—that Auditor Beale be instructed to certify his account into the Court of Exchequer, and grant him a discharge, and that 200*l.* a year be allowed him whilst he continues in the service. *Annexing,*

102. *Account of receipts and disbursements at the ironworks at the Forest of Dean, under charge of Major John Wade, ending 2 Aug.* 1656. *Total receipts* 12,607*l.* 16*s.* 9¾*d.*, *with account of iron, &c., in stock, inventory of tools, &c., at the furnaces and forges, list of officers and their wages, and report on the above accounts, made by Rich. Kingdon and Thos. Hayter,* 19 *Aug.* 1656, *on an order of the Admiralty Commissioners.* [*Book of* 27 *written and* 9 *blank pages.*]

7, 8. Order agreeing to the form of commission by the Protector and Council to Major John Wade, to take the charge and oversight of the woods and timber, and of the iron-work in Dean Forest, for their best preservation and improvement for the public service, observing the following instructions, *viz.* :—

(1). To preserve the timber from waste and embezzlement, and to improve its growth.

(2.) To manage the iron-works lately erected for the service of the navy, according to directions by the Admiralty Commissioners.

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(3.) To dispose of wood for the iron-works, taking care not to use any timber fit for the navy, but only dotards and such like.

(4.) To use all care that the persons employed in the works perform their trust, without fraud, that fair proceeds may be yielded to the State.

(5.) To keep accounts of the wood, cinder, &c., expended on the works, of the iron cast at the furnace and wrought at the forge, and of the money received for sales, and to have the accounts with vouchers ready for audit on direction of the Admiralty Commissioners.

(6.) To sell iron or other things, when directed, to meet the charges of workmen, &c., for the iron-works and other naval service.

(7.) To retain for his care and pains 200*l.* a year, which will be allowed by the auditors.

(8.) To use his best skill and judgment in the service, and obey the orders of the Admiralty Commissioners.

9.* Order that 500*l.* paid by Sir Geo. Pratt for the decimation tax in co. Berks be paid to Goffe on account of his pay as Major General.

11.* Order that Sir T. Vyner and Ald. Backwell pay 10,000*l.* on account for the Spanish plate and money.

12.* The person who, on prosecution of Col. Copley, discovers moneys owing to himself by bond to be allowed ¼ of the moneys brought in on the discovery.

16. To advise that Col. Wm. Lockhart have leave to come over to England for a fortnight, and Mr. Secretary to write him accordingly.

17. The Commissioners for the Dutch treaty to treat with the ambassadors about issuing a pass for 3 years, and offer it to Council.

19. To advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 200*l.* to Roger Alsop, marshal-general, for repairing Chelsea College to accommodate Spanish prisoners.

21.* The 50*l.* augmentation recommended 22 July last for Mr. Statham, minister of Terling, Essex, to be over and above what was formerly settled on him out of Berkshire, and the Trustees for Ministers to order the same to be paid.

23.* Order on petition of Robert Perrott, minister of Deane, co. Bedford, that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers pay him an augmentation of 20*l.*, beside that of 50*l.* already settled on him.

24.* Order that the deposition on oath of Wm. Johnson of Silum, co. Northampton, before Hen. Scobell, justice of the peace for Middlesex, be sent to the Major General and Commissioners for co. Northampton.

25.* Order that the keepers of Worcester House put Peter Blondeau in possession of the kitchen and larders, and such other

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parts of the house not already employed as shall be useful for coining the money ordered after the new invention.

26.* Order that the Ministers' Trustees be advised to settle on Ben. Taylor, minister at Willingdon, Sussex, 20*l.* 8*s.* rent reserved from the rectory there to the Dean and Chapter of Chichester, and supply the minister to whom they disposed that rent some other way.

27. Order on the petition of Col. Thos. Ceely—shewing that on a reference to Goldsmiths' Hall for his arrears and disbursements, there appeared due to him 4,500*l.*, of which he has received nothing, and that he has discovered lands in South Milton, Killigarth, Leigham, and Trelly, cos. Devon and Cornwall, belonging to his Highness, being extended for a debt owing by Sir Jas. Bagg to the late King, on report of which his Highness ordered him a 3 years' lease, to try the title, and recover possession—to advise a grant of the said lease, he paying in half the profits, until from the other half he is repaid the 4,500*l.*, with reasonable costs for the recovery. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 484–491.]

[Nov. 13.] **103.** Petition of Edm. Buryman, shipmaster, to Council. Had a reference from the Protector, allowing his arrears of 300*l.* for his faithful service out of any discovery made on his behalf. His friend has made a discovery, and the moneys are brought into the Exchequer, but his labour will be abortive without their order for a Privy Seal to recover the money, which he requests. With the Protector's reference alluded to, ordering him this 300*l.* beside the $\frac{1}{5}$ allowed to discoverers; 30 Aug. 1656. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] Also note of an order on the case (missing), 13 Nov. 1656. *Annexing,*

103. i. *Edm. Buryman to Sir Gilb. Pickering. Begs that his petition may be called for, and a Privy Seal granted for the* 300*l.*, *without which he cannot receive it.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Nov. 13. **104.** Petition of Elizabeth, widow of William, Duke of Hamilton, and Ann, Elizabeth, Mary, and Margaret, her daughters, to the Protector. On my marriage in 1639 with the Duke, then Lord Lanark, my portion of 10,000*l.*, and 10,000*l.* of the Duke's, were settled on trustees, till he conveyed lands to me and my issue. In Sept. 1649 he settled on me and my 4 daughters Kenneel and other lands in Scotland, value 800*l.* a year, and then the money was paid to the Duke. But the lands have been given to Gen. Geo. Monk, who has sold them at 11 years' purchase.

By the Act of Pardon for Scotland, you ordered us 400*l.* a year of land from forfeited estates, but we have received nothing. There is an order for taking off forfeitures in Scotland, on paying the donatives at 10 years' purchase, but the lands of Kenneel are exempted, on pretence that they are held at 30 years' purchase.

The lands were settled on us before any offence committed by the Duke, and we shall lose the 400*l.* a year intended us, through the Act taking off forfeitures. We therefore beg to compound for our estates in Scotland on the same terms as others, and that Monk's purchasers may be satisfied out of the general fine on estates, all of them paying their proportions towards the 10 years' purchase, and the overplus.

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Thus the purchasers will not be injured, you will save 400*l.*, and we may raise something to preserve us from utter ruin. With reference thereon to Council 6 Nov. 1656. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

> I. *Case of the Duchess of Hamilton* [*see* 11 *Jan. and* 12 *April* 1654], *detailing the marriage settlements, on which James Maxwell, afterwards Earl of Dirleton, paid in* 10,000*l. himself, and* 6,000*l. the Earl of Lanark's money deposited with him, the house and goods being valued at* 4,000*l. more, and this money went to pay incumbrances on James Duke of Hamilton's estate. Requests of the petition repeated. The estates having been sequestered* 5 *years, she has had to borrow* 5,000*l. to live upon, and has neither a house to live in nor a bed to lie upon of her own.* [1 *page.*]

Nov. 13. **105.** Petition of Ann, Elizabeth, Mary, and Margaret, daughters of William, late Duke of Hamiltion, to the Protector. Our father settled 10,000*l.* on us, having with monies obtained by contract of marriage paid part of the debts of James, Duke of Hamilton, his elder brother. But the lands being confiscated and no provision made for us, we must have starved, had not Anna, Duchess of Hamilton, who hardly had whereon to subsist, taken care of us. We hear of an intended discharge of forfeitures, but without your special goodness, it will not avail us, for our mother being married to another husband, cannot help us, as he rejects all such motions. We beg redress for present miseries and future ruin. With reference thereon to Council 6 Nov. 1656. Not signed. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 13. **106.** Reference of both the petitions to the Committee of Council for the affairs of Scotland, to report. [¾ *page; also I.* 77, *p.* 500.]

Nov.? **107.** Petition of Lady Anne, eldest daughter of the late Duke of Hamilton, to the said Committee. I dissent from the petition unwarrantably preferred in my name and my sisters unknown to us, and contrary to the petition of my most honoured and indulgent mother, to whom I submit myself and my fortune. I beg the disposal of my interest agreeably to my father's agreements with the Earl of Dirleton on marriage, and best suited to my mother's present condition. Signed. [¾ *page.*]

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(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1. Some alterations reported by Lambert touching confiscated persons in Scotland, read, and agreed to, and the order so amended passed. Order as altered given in full. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 936–940.]

3. The petition of Rich. Owen, of Eltham, co. Kent, that of Francis Herne, minister of Sydenham, co. Oxon, and of Andrew Pawling, minister, with certificates annexed, referred to Joseph Caryll, Dr. Owen, vice-chancellor of Oxford, Dr. Thos. Goodwin, and Mr. Lockyer, to consider, enquire, and certify whether they are fit to be restored to the liberty of preaching.

4.* Order—on petition of Lawrence Washington and a certificate from the Commissioners of co. Wilts—that on his paying 50*l.* to the

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treasurers for the decimation tax, as a testimony of his good affection to the State, the Commissioners discharge his estate.

5.* Order that Fras. Townley, merchant, who appeared on summons before Council to answer several complaints of misdemeanours, but departed without leave, and returned to Hamburg, where he was taken into custody by order of Rich. Bradshaw, the resident, be sent back by Bradshaw to England in the next ship, to answer the charges, and also his said contempt.

6. Mr. Embree to cause the outer room, called the late King's Fish House, to be cleared of records, which are to be removed to the inner room, where the other records of the Court of Wards are, to fit the outer room with shelves, &c., for receiving the records now over the Parliament House which those who keep them are to see removed accordingly, and to send the bill of charges for their removal to Sydenham, Strickland, and Jones, to report to Council.

7. Order—on a letter from the Maj.-General and Commissioners of co. York, and an enclosed paper of "Cautions for Choice" certified to have been dispersed about Leeds, as it appears by John Garnet, master of the grammar school there,—that the Maj.-General and Commissioners send for him, and take his security to appear before Council within a fortnight.

8. Order—on reading the examinations taken by Hen. Ogle and Rob. Fenwick on an Order of Council of 25 July, whereby it is proved that the election of a town clerk for Berwick was illegal, as several well-affected burgesses were not allowed to vote, but several officers, &c., of the late King's party admitted to vote; also that Ald. Step. Jackson had encouraged the disaffected to vote, saying it was but undergoing his Highness' displeasure—that the election is void, being contrary to the proclamation prohibiting delinquents to bear office, or to vote in the election of officers; also that a letter be written to the mayor and aldermen of Berwick to proceed to a new election, and to the Commissioners of Customs there to discharge Jackson from his office of collector for Berwick. Respited by the Protector 23 Dec.

9. His Highness informing Council that one of the ships hired to transport soldiers and provisions to Jamaica is now in Cork, but that one of 2 others could be hired in its place, for which the draft of a letter was prepared—order that a clause be added thereto for sending in the vessel as many as it can receive of those saved from a vessel bound for Jamaica, and lately wrecked, or of others bound thither, in addition to those from the ship at Cork. Also a clause for paying the expenses on certificate to be returned to Council; with which additions the letter was passed.

10.* The War-treasurers to give account to the Committee of Council for Ireland what arrears are due to the forces there, and whether charged upon assessment or otherwise, and to report on Tuesday.

12. The petition of John Streater—that he has been sued in 6 several actions for setting foreigners to work, some of whom have been soldiers and capable of the benefit of an Ordinance to enable

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such soldiers as have served the Commonwealth to exercise any trade—referred to Sir John Berkstead, Ald. Stephen Eastwick, and Justice Hobart, to send for the prosecutors and informers, learn the state of the case, try to accommodate the difference, and if they cannot, report the case to Council.

13.* Order—on remonstrance of Ben. Dumaresque, his Highness' Attorney-General in Jersey—that the places of such jurates formerly appointed for that island as are void by death or defection be supplied by others elected, as was accustomed, by the inhabitants, and approved by the governor, deputy-governor, bailiffs, and procurators, and Dr. Carteret, referred to the same persons, to learn the state of the case concerning the Court of Billet in Jersey, erected some years since instead of the Court of Cattell, how it has become a grievance to the inhabitants, what may be done to regulate it or perform its work some other way, to call for all records or persons as they find cause, and report.

14.* Order—on information that Dan. Norman, Viscount of Jersey, has lately been much absent from his charge, whereby affairs are prejudiced—that he return in 6 weeks, and attend to his office, or his Highness will grant it to some other fit person.

108. 15. A list, delivered by Col. Rob. Guibon, governor of Jersey, of the ordnance, arms, ammunition, and other warlike utensils, in the stores there, and of what is wanted, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider what should be supplied there, and report. *Annexing,*

108. I. *List alluded to* 12 *Sept.* 1655. [1 *sheet.*]

16. Mr. Secretary to prepare, against next Tuesday, a letter from his Highness to the King of Denmark, concerning his endeavours to obstruct the ratification of the treaty between the King of Sweden and the United Provinces.

18. The petition and report in the case of the officers attending the Court of Articles to be considered next Thursday.

20.* Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners of a list of vessels for this winter's guard for the coasts of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and of such as should be called in—that the Admiralty Commissioners forthwith order all the ships in the following list to be speedily provided, victualled, manned, and furnished with everything necessary for service, or in case of the deficiency of any of them, to set forth others of like quality; with list of 51 ships, giving the numbers of men in each, total 5,555, and of guns.

21.* The Admiralty Commissioners are to call in the following ships which are now at sea; with list of 12 ships, containing 1,105 men.

22. The petition of Capt. Seabrooke, under command of Col. Thos. Shelbourne, referred to Majors General Goffe and Packer, and the rest of the Committee of officers to whom several recruits' petitions were referred, to report what should be done.

23.* Order approving a certificate of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 21 July 1656, that the salary of 40*l.* granted by the

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Commissioners for Propagation of the Gospel in Wales to Rice Powell, schoolmaster of Talgarth, should be continued to him though he is now settled at Hay, both in co. Brecon. *Annexing*,

109. *Certificate alluded to.* [¾ *page.*]

24.* Order that Col. Gilb. Ireland cause the remainder of arms, ammunition, &c., at Liverpool, not yet removed to Westchester, to be removed thither, according to the order of 24 July last.

25.* All the regiments lately recruited to 1,200, beside officers, to be forthwith reduced to 1,000, and the discharged men to have their full pay, and a week over. Lord Lambert to see that the Army Committee issue warrants to the Treasurer at War accordingly.

26.* Order on a paper presented by Maj. Wm. Burton, that Wm. Claxton, Treasurer for Army contingencies, repay him 36*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.*, disbursed for repair of the garrisons at Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft, and that the Army Committee issue a warrant to the Treasurer at War to pay Claxton this sum.

27. The petition of the inhabitants of Abergavenny, co. Monmouth, for renewal of their charter of incorporation with further privileges mentioned, referred to Mr. Shephard, and the rest of the Committee on Corporation Charters, to consider the whole case, and prepare and present the draft of a new charter.

29.* An order of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 29 Aug. 1656, for granting 30*l.* a year to Geo. Hopkins, to give a weekly lecture at Tewksbury, co. Gloucester, approved, and the money ordered to be paid.

30.* Order approving Lambert's report, that according to Council's order of 28 Oct. last, the Committee spoke with some of the Council of Officers concerning the 500*l.* for the charge of clerks, messengers, and others, about the survey of the 4 forests set apart for the satisfaction of the army; and that for bearing the said charge, they propose, instead of the 500*l.*, that 250*l.* may for the present be lent by the State, and repaid out of the proceeds of the forests, and Frost to pay the 250*l.* out of the Council's contingencies.

31. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider how the month's provisions for 150 men, and the bedding ordered 25 Sept. for Landguard Fort may best be provided, and what the charge will be, and certify.

34. The petition of the inhabitants of Enfield, Middlesex, for a patent for a collection, on account of a fire last September, read.

35. The Committee for Charters to bring in their report on Blandford charter next Tuesday.

32.* On information that there are 3 weeks' pay, being 2,205*l.*, due to the Ely House and Savoy Hospitals, owing to an order of 23 Oct. 1655 that all the moneys coming into the Exchequer beyond 3,000*l.* weekly for the charges of Government, should be applied to the navy for the whole year;—order that the Admiralty Commissioners consider the matter, and give such order as they think meet. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 491–500.]

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Nov. 18? **110.** Petition of the overseers of the hackney coachmen to Council. His Highness and Council restrained the number of coaches, and put them under the government of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, because they had so increased that they pestered the streets, caused tumults and bloodshed, and raised the prices of horses, horsemeat, leather, &c., and the rent of stabling.

On this the Court made by-laws; and to prevent loss to the supernumeraries, granted them 6 months' time for selling their coaches and horses, but they still continued their calling, and animated other traders to set up coaches. We proceeded against them, and got several verdicts by Lord Chief Justice Glynn and in the Sheriffs' Court, on which the offenders addressed the Protector; he referred them to you, and on 4 Sept. you ordered stay of our proceedings, pending a revision of the by-laws. On this they say that they have made void the by-laws, and they have arrested our officers, and threaten our ruin by vexatious suits. We entreat you to revise and settle the by-laws, lest our fellowship be dissolved. Signed G. King, clerk of the fellowship. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

110. I. *Statement of their proceeding according to the by-laws, not rigorously, but inviting to amity, against Mrs. Bartlett, Rich. Smith, Alex. Lindridge, a servant of Wm. Hyerns and Wm. Doon. They beg consideration of their payment of* 100*l. a year to their beadles, &c., and of* 50*l. to Bethlehem Hospital, and of the charges to which the complainants put them.* 10 *signatures.* 1 *sheet, copy.*]

[Nov. 18.] **111.** Petition of the overseers of the fellowship of hackney coachmen to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen. On a petition to his Highness of the supernumerary hackney coachmen, Council appointed a committee to hear them, and desired your Court to consider how those who considered themselves aggrieved might be relieved. On a full hearing of parties on 24 Sept., you sent an answer, for which, though we solicit and attend daily, we cannot obtain a hearing, so that the supernumerary coaches have increased to more than 100, the streets are daily more annoyed, and the shopkeepers much aggrieved; some of us are arrested, and one of our beadles cast into prison on actions for 1,700*l.* by these refractory persons. We beg your intercession to Council, that the letter may be read and the by-laws speedily settled. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

111. I. *The Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen to Council. We have heard at large the complaints of the coachmen about the suits brought against them, and the answers of the overseers, who have not exceeded the Ordinance and by-laws, whereby they were bound by oath to bring offenders to punishment. Therefore we could only persuade the overseers to remit the penalties recovered, or part of them, but this they are unable to do, as they are answerable to the stock of the fellowship for them.* 24 *Sept.* 1656. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 18. Reference thereon in Council to Pickering, Lord Deputy, Jones, Fiennes, Lambert, Strickland, Mulgrave, Lisle, and Skippon, to speak with the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, and report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 502.]

Nov 18. **112.** Petition of Edw. Pelling and John Moore, searchers at Gravesend, to the Protector. On your order of 5 Jan. 1654–55, we seized 2,060*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* gold coin, which was being exported without license, and prosecuted a recovery in the Exchequer, and on a full hearing, a verdict passed for your Highness in Trinity term 1656. In Michaelmas term, Jas. Wright, the merchant who claimed the gold, on some informality, obtained an order for a new trial by a Kent jury. This was had, and contrary to clear evidence, a verdict was given for the defendants, as might be expected from jurors many of whom are guilty of like offences. We were preparing an appeal, when the Commissioners of Customs, on an injunction of the Court, delivered up the gold.

We spent on this business 200*l.*, chiefly borrowed, and have petitioned the Treasury Commissioners for our charges, but in vain. We are now in suit in the Exchequer for 1,189*l.* 6*s.* in gold, seized on a ship bound for the East Indies. We beg allowance of our expenses from this last seizure. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

112. I. *Request by the Treasury Commissioners that half of the 1,189l. 6s., seized by Edw. Pelling, may be paid him for his pains therein, as was done by the late Parliament, the Long Parliament, and the Council of Scotland in like cases. Also that a certain proportion of gold and silver unlawfully endeavoured to be exported should be paid to those officers who discover and seize it, and prosecute the offenders.* 7 *Nov.* 1656. [1 *sheet.*]

Nov. 18. Order thereon in Council that $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 1,189*l.* 6*s.* seized and adjudged be allowed for the seizure, and distributed by the Commissioners of Customs to those concerned therein, and that in like future cases, those who seize and prosecute shall have a portion, not exceeding half of the money. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 502–3.]

Nov. 18. **113.** Petition of Nath. Temes, alderman and sheriff, and of Martin Noel, Thos. Winter, Rob. Cranmore, and other merchants of London, to the Protector and Council, for letters of marque against their enemies, having freighted their ships for the East Indies, which are now ready to sail. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 18. Order in Council granting their request, on the usual security to the Admiralty Judges. [*I.* 77, *p.* 505.]

Nov. 18. **114.** Petition of Gerard Loyd and company to the Protector for letters of reprizal against Spain, having traded thither many years, and lost 9,600*l.* by the said King and his subjects, as can be proved in the Admiralty Court. With reference thereon, 10 Nov. 1656, to Council. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 18. Order thereon in Council granting the petition on the usual security. [*I.* 77, *p.* 505.]

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(The entries marked thus * were approved in person.)

Nov. 18. 2. Order to advise a privy seal to the Commissioners for Discoveries at Worcester House to allow $\frac{1}{5}$ of the clear proceeds of what is

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adjudged by them to the parties by whom the discovery is prosecuted.

3. The papers presented to Council by the said Commissioners relating to the estates of Geo. Blunt and Capt. And. Yarington, both prosecuted by Thos. Writer, jun., and Hen. Vernon, by John Wogan, referred to Fiennes, Mulgrave, Desborow, the Lord Deputy, Sydenham, Strickland, Lambert, and Jones, to report.

5.* Order to recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle on Mr. Durant, preacher at Canterbury, 100*l.* a year additional augmentation from Milton near Sittingbourne, Kent, instead of from Shoulden, that being already disposed.

6.* Like order for settlement of 50*l.* augmentation on Mr. Sharpie, minister at Gravesend, Kent.

7.* Like order for 50*l.* for the minister of Offley, co. Herts.

8. Dr. Owen, Dr. Thos. Goodwin, and Mr. Nye, to return to Council on Thursday their proposals about augmentations for ministers.

12.* Order that if any person in Scotland, who has given or shall give security for peaceable living, break out again, contrary to his bond, the Marshal's Court at headquarters put in execution the bonds before the Commander-in-chief or Governors of towns or castles, and levy the sums due on the bonds on the estates of those bound.

13. Order on Gen. Monk's letter of 8 Nov., that Desborow, Lambert, and Jones, speak with the Admiralty Commissioners about sending 4 ships of force to the coasts of Scotland, to lie about Peterhead and observe Monk's orders.

14. Order on report from the Committee for Charters about Blandford charter, to advice that the cognizance of actions be limited to 20*l.*, not 40*l.*, as proposed, and that bodies and goods be arrested only agreeably to law, and then that the charter be granted with the other alterations and additions suggested. *Annexing,*

115. *Note of alterations and additions in the old charter presented for Council's consideration.* [1¼ *pages.*]

15.* Approval of the continuance by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to Mr. Barrett, minister of Peter's, Nottingham, of the 50*l.* augmentation granted to the late Mr. Whitchurch.

20.* Order that the Admiralty Committee bring up to London Don Diego de Villa Flora, late governor of Havanna, and M. del Plato, with their servants, Spanish prisoners yet at Portsmouth, and defray their charges there, expended by Major Murford, deputy-governor, or others.

21. Sydenham, Pickering, Lambert, Strickland, and Desborow to speak with Gen. Montague about the disposal of these persons at their coming up, and to consider Gen. Montague's extraordinary disbursements about prisoners and otherwise, and report.

22. The same Committee to consider of a reward to Adm. Badiley, for his diligence in discovering some plate concealed in one of the Spanish ships, and to report.

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23. Also to consider of a reward to Capt. Stokes, for his charges in entertaining some of the Spanish prisoners aboard the ship under his command, and to report; Gen. Desborow to take care thereof.

24.* Order to pay 100*l.* each to Mr. Headly and Capt. Lidcott, volunteers who accompanied Gen. Montague in his voyage.

26.* Order that the plate and jewels of Wm. Toomes, *felo-de-se*, the viewing of which was referred by order of 7 Oct. last to John Maidstone and 2 others, be restored to the charge of Major Elleston, to be secured by him with safety, and that in place of Mr. Maidstone, who cannot conveniently attend the business, Mr. Wing, one of his Highness' gentlemen, join the others in estimating its value, and report particulars to Council.

27.* Order that the treasurer for Army contingencies pay the 30*l.* 2*s.* ordered 11 January last to Edw. Atkinson, surgeon, 2 drummers, and 2 others of Col. Biscoe's regiment, being the additional pay due according to the establishment of Scotland, and that the Army Committee issue warrants to the treasurers of war for the payment thereof to the said treasurer.

28.* The petition of Rich. Jackson, of Sedburgh Free Grammar School, and the articles against John Otway, referred to Sir J. Barkstead or Maj. Audley, to examine and certify. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 500–507.]

Nov. 19. Navy Office. **116.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. More workmen are wanted for the ships at Chatham. Major Burton says you have bought of him some cordage which is to come from Holland; we hope that you have made a proviso about its goodness, as there is deceit and bad performance there as elsewhere. It should be ordered to Deptford. We have ordered 2 cables and a coil for shrouds for each ship; also a main, fore, and topsail for each, but want 20 bales of canvas to finish them, and we cannot buy it except at extreme high prices and for present payment, our credit being not a little questioned, because we have not fulfilled our promises. The stores are so empty that you would find the inconvenience, if there were any call more than ordinary. We would not grasp at the public purse, except it be to the interest of the State. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 20. **117.** Petition of Wm. Cockayne for the East India Company, and 15 other merchants of London, to Council. On 21 Sept. 1654, you and his Highness appointed the Committee for Preservation of Customs and Redemption of Captives to give their warrant to the Customs' Commissioners to pay 5,382*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.* due to petitioners for advances at Merchant Tailors' Hall, on an Ordinance of Parliament for redemption of captives at Algiers, in part whereof they paid 1,000*l.* to David Offley, our appointed treasurer. By reason of alterations in the Commissioners for Customs, &c., the said Committee cannot now grant their warrant for the balance of 4,382*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.*

Beg an order for its payment, any Act or order for weekly payments of all money into the Exchequer notwithstanding. [1 *sheet;* 16 *signatures.*] *Annexing,*

117. I. *Certificate by the Commissioners for Customs that the said moneys were advanced on the Algiers duty, and are due to them, but that the present Commissioners for Customs cannot pay the balance, on account of their order to pay all they receive into the Exchequer.* [1¾ *pages.*]

Nov. 20. Order in Council to advise a warrant for the unpaid balance. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 508–9.]

Nov. 20. **118.** Petition of Walter Dawley, for himself and the executrix of his brother Ant. Dawley, slain in Ireland, to Council, for an order to the Commissioners for Accounts at Worcester House, to state the arrears due to himself and his late brother for service in England and Ireland, and certify thereon, as done for those officers and soldiers whose accounts were lately sent from Ireland to England, and to receive the benefit of the order of 3 July 1656. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 20. Order for the statement of the arrears, and Dawley and the executrix to receive the benefit of the said order as requested. Approved 23 Dec. [*I.* 77, *p.* 514.]

[Nov. 20.] **119, 120.** Petition of Amy Bickerton and her 6 fatherless children to the Protector. On the 12 Oct. last, I had an order to sue for a debt by Sir Thos. Fanshaw and others on bonds in 600*l.*, of which I was to receive 300*l.*, being due to my late husband for arrears in Christmas 1654, according to an order of Parliament in 1644. Sir Thos. Fanshaw, being sued by the Treasury Commissioners, has paid in 50*l.*, and the bonds being now forfeited, there is to be a hearing at Michaelmas about the rest of the debt. As I am starving, and have nothing to sell, I beg a warrant for the 50*l.* With reference thereon, 25 July 1656, to the Treasury Commissioners, and their report 23 Sept. that they cannot pay the 50*l.* without a Privy Seal warrant. [2 *papers.*]

[Nov. 20.] **121.** Petition of Amy, widow of Rob. Bickerton, to Council, to like effect. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 20. Order to advise a warrant for payment to her of the said 50*l.* [*I.* 77, *p.* 515.]

Nov. 20. **122.** Petition of Edw. Vernon, prisoner, to the Protector, for release on the security of a younger brother. Has been 2 years prisoner at excessive charges, to the ruin of his family, his aged parents trusting all their affairs to him, and his mother being now on her dying bed; his duty to his parents would not suffer him to engage in the designs of which he is suspected. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 20. Order in Council for his release for 2 months, on good security then to surrender himself at the Tower, and meantime not to prejudice his Highness or the State. Suspended by the Protector 23 Dec. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 516, 585.]

Nov. 20. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Edw. Knipe, merchant, for license to export the moiety of 800 bags of saltpetre, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

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3. Approval of an augmentation by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 10*l.* a year to the minister of Desborow, co. Northampton. Approved by the Protector 27 Nov.

4. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the commander of the Phœnix, designed for Lisbon, to touch at Portsmouth, take in Mr. Maynard and his family, and transport them to Lisbon.

5. The Worcester House Commissioners for soldiers' accounts to examine those of Gen. Blake, now at sea in the service, for his personal pay in the several qualities wherein he has served, and also his disbursements; to examine his vouchers, and give debentures for what is due thereupon. Approved 25 Nov.

6. On report by the Treasury Commissioners on an application by Robt. Smith, minister of Wilbaston, co. Northampton, for payment of 50*l.* a year, in lieu of the tithes of lands in Pywell sequestered for delinquency of Sir Percy Herbert, which lands being formerly held by the Cistercians were exempt from tithes, and therefore the Commissioners for Sequestrations had paid him 50*l.* in lieu of tithes, till a year since, when the Receiver-General entered on the estate, and that, as Smith is a Godly minister, they think the 50*l.* should be paid, but have not the power to do it;—order to advise a warrant for payment of the said 50*l.* yearly.

7. The 100*l.* each ordered as augmentation to Morgan Lloyd and Amb. Moston, preachers in Wales, to begin from 1st Dec. last, and the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to see that the arrears are paid. Approved 25 Nov.

8. Order on petition of the inhabitants of West Drayton, Middlesex, to recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle 28*l.* a year augmentation on their minister, out of Great Marlow parsonage, co. Bucks, if not disposed of, and 20*l.* more out of some other part of their revenue. Approved by his Highness' reference.

9. On petition of the inhabitants of Heapy, co. Lancaster, that their chapel is in Leyland parish, 4 miles from the parish church, in which parish the minister has only 40*l.* a year, so that for several years they have maintained, at their own charge, Mr. Booker, a godly minister, who is ready to leave them, not having a competency, and that there is 22*l.* in Wharton parish undisposed of;—order to recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation on the minister at Heapy. Approved 27 Nov.

13. Order on petition of Elizabeth, widow of John Tredingham—that her husband was decimated at 60*l.* a year, which was paid accordingly, but he appealed, and was referred to the Commissioners for co. Cornwall, who, on proof of his innocency and affection to Parliament, reported that he should be discharged of the tax—that the said Commissioners consider the petition and certificate at a full meeting, and act as they judge meet. Approved 23 Dec.

14. Lambert, the Lord Deputy, Desborow, Sydenham, and Jones, to receive from the Majors General what they have to say as to their pay, and as to alteration of the establishment for the Militia forces, and other matters referring thereto, and to report.

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15. Major. Geo. Smithson, Capt. Thos. Strangways, and Capt. Geo. Watkinson, added to the Commissioners for securing the peace in co. Durham. Approved 25 Nov.

16. Order for delivery of stores out of the Tower of London, *viz.*,—

50 barrels of powder to Col. Thos. Fitch, for Inverness garrison.
„ „ the governor „ Carlisle „
300 snaphances and 300 pikes „ „ „ „
30 barrels of powder for Tenby, Cardiff, Carnarvon, and other garrisons in South Wales.

The Admiralty Commissioners to issue warrants to the Ordnance officers for delivery of the above. Approved 27 Nov.

17. Also to send particulars of all guns, carriages, powder, &c., remaining in the store for the land forces.

18. The petition of Wm. Graves, Mich. Dibbs, Edw. Palmer, and Fras. Sherman, for themselves and other inhabitants of Goodman's Fields, Whitechapel, shewing the danger they are in on account of the great quantity of powder disposed in houses near their dwellings by ship chandlers and others, *viz.*, John Freeman, Rob. Russell, Thos. Abrahall, and Thos. Norman, and by their carrying out the same at all times, referred to the Lord Mayor of London, to ascertain the truth, and if he see cause, so to dispose of the powder as may best prevent the danger occasioned by great quantities of powder so lodged.

19. Mr. Bowes, [Rich.] Sydenham, and Mr. Fillingham, to consider all petitions relating to the pay of officers and soldiers at Jamaica, brought to Council and certified to them by the clerks of Council, and to state the cases and report from time to time.

20. Sydenham, Desborow, Lambert, Lisle, Mulgrave, Lord Deputy, Strickland, and Jones, to consider the proposals of Geo. Boreman, merchant, concerning the ballasting office; also the petition of Oliver Williams, and hear all parties claiming interest therein, and report.

23. The petition of John Parry, prisoner at Lambeth House, referred to Jones and Strickland, to speak with such persons as they see cause, and report.

27. Approval of an augmentation by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 20*l.* to Sam. Sylyard, preacher at East Grinstead, Sussex, and of 50*l.* from the tithes of East Deane, Singleton, to Chris. Snell, his assistant. Approved 27 Nov.

28. Sydenham, Lambert, Desborow, and Jones, to consider the request of John Maidstone for money for his Highness' household, and offer their opinion thereon.

29, 30. John Normanton, of Speenham Land, co. Berks, having attended on a complaint of Rich. Brambly, constable, Jessop is to examine the matter, and report, allowing Normanton to go home, on bail to return if required.

31. Ulric, Earl of Clanricard, to have liberty to continue in England till 1 May, on the same terms as formerly.

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32. Sir Thos. Vyner and Mr. Backwell to pay in 5,000*l*, on their contract for the Spanish prize plate and coin.

33. Mr. Frost to pay Lord Sinclair all arrears due of his pension from Council's contingencies.

34. The Earl of Crawford and Lindsay to be removed from Sandown Castle to Windsor Castle, and warrants to be issued accordingly. Approved 27 Nov.

37. The petition of Capt. Jno. Child—that, whereas by order of Council of 27 May last, he had leave to export 22,000 French crowns custom free, for which he paid the Admiralty Commissioners 4*s*. 6*d*. a-piece, but has only transported 9,000, and begs leave to transport the value of the other 13,000 in pieces of 8, which are of less value than the crowns—referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider and certify.

38. The Treasurer for Army contingencies to pay Col. Wroth Rogers, governor of Hereford, 1*s*. a day for fire and candle for Ludlow and Hereford garrisons, to be paid by him proportionably. Approved 27 Nov.

39. Order to allow 150*l*. on account towards the repair of Scarborough garrison, and providing for the lodging of the whole company, to be raised from the proceeds of a prize vessel now at Scarborough or Burlington, as far as that will go, and the Commissioners for Prize Goods to sell the same, and pay the money to Col. Salmon, governor of the castle. Approved 27 Nov.

41. The 250*l*. ordered last Thursday to be lent from Council's contingencies for incident charges of surveying the 4 forests, to be paid to John Marsh, who is to issue it on warrants from the Trustees for sale of Crown lands at Worcester House, and they are to order him to pay 50*l*. each to the surveyors of Needwood, Kingswood, Ashdown, and Sherwood forests, and Enfield chace.

42. The petition of Hoe James, of Newton, co. Brecon, for discharge from the extraordinary tax on his estate, referred to the Majors General and Commissioners, to do according to their instructions therein. Approved 23 Dec. [*I*. 77, *pp*. 508–518.]

Nov. 21. Lord Broghill to Sir Rob. Welsh, in the Fleet. The enclosed will show that there is little hope of doing good that way. What is done must be speedily, and by yourself and friends. I would help you if I could. [¾ *page*.] *Annexing*,

I. *Lord Broghill to Sir Rob. Welsh. I am very sorry for your disaster. His Highness here will not meddle in matters between parties, but wishes me to write to Sir John Barkstead. The debt being but little, if he fails, your brother and friends engage that you should pay in 3 months or return to prison. If you are vigilant, your supplies from hence will free your brother. Set your wits to work to get out, and when you have done any service, you shall see my affection by its effects.* [1 *page*, *Flanders correspondence*.]

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Nov. 24. **123.** Jeffery Northleigh to Williamson. Sends an order for payment of money. [*Damaged fragment.*]

Nov. 25. **124.** Petition of Claudius de Nysse, to the Protector, for license to transport 6 horses yearly to France, and custom free the first 6 years. Had an order, 25 Dec., for the first vacant command in the army, but has long attended with divers others in like condition, and weightier affairs have intervened. Is a distressed Protestant stranger, deprived of his estate, and forsaken of his own parents for his religion, though born of a good family. Has forborne to ask a pension, although he had one in Holland. [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 25. Order thereon in Council granting him license to transport 10 horses. [*I.* 77, *p.* 525.]

Nov. 25. **125.** Petition of Meredith Lewis, late sheriff of co. Brecon, to the Protector. Whilst I was sheriff, I was amerced in the Exchequer in several sums, amounting to 200*l.*, chiefly for not producing the body of Thos. Games on a writ of attachment. Of these fines 156*l.* are illegally set, being out of term, or when I was out of office; Games was in my custody whilst I was in office, and is now a prisoner in the Upper Bench. I beg a Privy Seal for remission of these fines. With reference to Council. 21 Nov. 1656. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **125.** I. *List of* 10 *fines set upon Lewis from the schedule of the Pipe,* 7 *of them, amounting to* 202*l.*, *relating to Thos. Games; total* 208*l.* [1 *page.*]

Nov. 25. **126.** Reference on the petition by Council to Strickland, Desborow, and Jones, to report. Approved 23 Dec. [½ *page; also I.* 77, *p.* 526.]

Nov. 25. **127.** Petition of John Weykes to Council. My former petition and certificates were referred to Maj.-Gen. Barkstead, to certify. I have attended him, proved the certificates, and my services and faithfulness to the Protector and State, and I beg you to cast your eyes on the certificates, and give me discharge, and freedom to follow my profession as an attorney in Lincoln's Inn. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **127.** I. *Certificate of Maj.-Gen. Barkstead, on an order of* 30 *Nov.* 1655, *that Weykes deserted the King's service in* 1645, *and has since served the State under Major Rob. Pelham, in Dorsetshire, and then under Lieut.-Col. George Joyce in Col. Jas. Haynes' regiment, at the expedition against Jersey, and did good service; therefore he should not be required to give security. Tower,* 19 *Dec.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 25. Order thereon that he be discharged from giving any bond to the Majors General, or if it have been given, that it be restored to him. Approved 23 Dec. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 526–585.]

Nov. 25. **128.** Petition of Barth. Reymond, Protestant captain in these latter troubles of the reformed places in the valleys of Piedmont, to the Protector. I assisted the poor Protestants to the utmost of my power, insomuch that the Papists in the bordering countries seized all my estate, and threatened to murder me, so that I was unable to remain in those parts. I beg some share of the money gathered in England for the relief of those distressed Protestants. With reference thereon to the Committee for Piedmont. [1 *sheet.*]

Nov. 25. Order in Council to recommend to the said Committee to allow him what they think fit, and give orders to the treasurers for payment accordingly. [*I.* 77, *p.* 527.]

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(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1.* Order that 100 firelocks, 400 matchlocks, and 100 pikes be delivered to Col. Hen. Smith, from Windsor Castle, instead of the 250 matchlocks and 200 firelocks ordered 4 Nov.

2.* Approval of an augmentation by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 38*l.* to the minister of Headon, co. York.

3. Reference to Mulgrave, Strickland, and the Lord-Deputy, of the claim of Rich. Skepper to privileges in Bolingbroke Honour, co. Lincoln, to consider what privileges are contained in the conveyance; Mr. Beck to attend them, and to prepare a case, with advice of counsel.

4.* Sydenham, Fiennes, Jones, and Lambert, to consider Mr. Secretary's statements about his disbursements for intelligence, and the best way for his discharge, and to report.

5. John Hooke not to be allowed a moiety of the tenement named in an order of 31 Oct., in case it belongs to his Highness, nor his charges in prosecuting the same.

6.* Order that 9*d.* a day be paid to each of the private soldiers late under Capt. Ben. Gifford in Landguard Fort garrison, who marched in Col. Salmon's regiment to Colchester, and 8*d.* a day to those who remained at Landguard Fort.

7,* 8. Gifford's company to be paid from 15 Dec. at the rate of 100 private soldiers, beside officers, and to march with and be paid with Col. Salmon's regiment, although one of the companies is now in Scotland, and to remain till further order.

9.* Order—on report that the late King, by patent, 6 July 1640, granted John Wood and Phil. Osborne $\frac{2}{3}$ of the estate of Sir Cecil Trafford, recusant, for 41 years, at rent of 80*l.*, all which were assigned, 10 June 1654, to Col. Chas. Worsley, who at his death desired to relinquish his interest therein—that Dorothy Worsley, the widow, have the benefit of the said patent during all the residue of the term. *Annexing,*

129. *Certificate by Roger Kenyon, that Worsley, the day he died,* 12 *June* 1656, *said that the estate he had from Sir Cecil Trafford should be returned into the Exchequer, for he had received from it the money he laid down for it, and a little more, and being Sir Cecil's, it would be liable to decimation, and he would not wrong the Commonwealth, nor prejudice Sir Cecil's heirs.* [1 *page.*]

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129. I. *Note that Worsley bought from Wood a lease of ⅔ of Trafford's estate, confiscate for recusancy, and held it for 2 years, but was troubled at his death lest he had wronged the State.* [⅔ *page, with notes in shorthand.*]

10.* Auditor Beale not to execute the order of 11 Nov., to pass Major John Wade's accounts in the Exchequer, but to deliver them to the Admiralty Commissioners.

11,* 12. Order, approving the accounts of Major Wade about the Forest of Dean, on report of the Admiralty Commissioners of 6 Nov. 1656,—by which it appears that he owes to the State 1,902*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*—that of this 500*l.* is to be allowed him for his pains, for 3 years, and the remainder he is to pay for the use of the navy, and have an entire discharge of his account. The stock of iron to be entered in next year's accounts; the original accounts to be returned to the Admiralty Commissioners, who are to preserve them carefully, and send a copy to the clerks of Council. Also order that in future his accounts be audited on the place, that he may not be diverted from his work, and that he act upon the instructions of the Admiralty Commissioners.

13. Order—on the petition of John Crawthorne and other inhabitants of Peterborough, and a certificate of several justices of peace that on 16 July last 30 houses and other buildings and goods, value 2,155*l.*, were burnt,—that a collection be made for the sufferers, as ordered by the Council of State in 1653 for those at Marlborough.

14. Order that all sums collected for Marlborough and detained in the hands of the Treasurers be paid in by 1 Jan., or the names of the defaulters reported to Council. Approved 27 Nov.

15. The petition of Anne, widow of Major Rich. Bamford, and her 4 young children; Elizabeth, widow of Major Vincent Corbett; and Jane, widow of John Deane, Marshal-General, all officers who died in the American expedition; also of Capt. Wm. Owen, who was in the expedition, referred to Strickland, Jones, Sydenham, Desborow, Lambert, and Pickering, to consider and report.

18. On report from the Committee on the accounts of the Majors-General for pay of the militia forces,—including that of the Majors General and civil officers—that they fall short of the sum, and that the arrears due are—

	£	s.	d.
To Maj.-Gen. Wm. Goffe, for Sussex, Hants, and Berks - - - - - -	1,268	7	5
To Maj.-Gen. Thos. Kelsey, for Kent and Surrey	1,772	0	4
To Maj.-Gen. Wm. Boteler, for cos. Northampton, Bedford, Hunts, and Rutland -	1,322	9	5
To Maj.-Gen. Jas Berry, for North and South Wales, and for cos. Salop, Hereford, Worcester, and Monmouth - - - -	1,337	17	5
Total - -	5,700	14	7

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Order to advise a warrant to pay the said sums from the moneys due on the contract with Vyner and Backwell for [Spanish] prize plate, being the pay due to the militia forces to 24 June 1656.

22. Approval of an order pronounced on 4 Nov. on the petition of Margaret, wife of John Swinton, of Swinton, and read in Council Thursday last.

23. Lambert reports certain resolutions of the Committee concerning some of the Spanish prisoners.

24. Capt. Stokes, of the Rainbow, to have 100*l.* as a reward for entertaining Spanish prisoners, and a warrant to be advised for payment.

25. Don Diego de Villa Alva and M. del Plato, 2 Spanish prisoners, to be delivered on their arrival from Portsmouth to Serj. Dendy, who is to lodge them, and provide them 2 dishes at dinner and 1 at supper, and allow no one to come at them without his leave.

26. To advise a warrant to pay Vice.-Adm. Badiley 300*l.* for his service in discovering parcels of plate in one of the ships.

27. To advise a warrant for payment of the 100*l.* each ordered to Wm. Headley and Capt. Lidcott, volunteers under Gen. Montague.

32. Approval by the Protector of 3 orders of 20 Nov. last. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 518–528.]

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130. Geo. Stradling to Williamson. Shall I return the 21 pistoles you lent me to Mr. Norris or any one else here, or send it to Saumur? Private affairs: Mr. Scudamore has been here and borrowing of everybody, and is in danger of seizure unless he escapes. [3 *pages.*]

[Nov. 27.] Act renouncing by Parliament, on behalf of the people, absolutely and for ever, the pretended title of Charles, James, and Henry Stuart, sons of the late King, or any of his posterity, to the crown of England, and declaring them and all claiming under them absolutely and utterly debarred therefrom, and also from any crown lands or hereditaments. Any who endeavour to assist their right with money or otherwise to be adjudged guilty of high treason, and the offenders to suffer death. [2 *pp. printed, Coll. Acts, Vol.* 2, *No.* 101, *Rec. Office Library,* 498 *F.*]

[Nov. 27.] Act for security of the Protector's person, and continuance of the nation in peace and safety:—

> The safety of the nation depending much on his Highness' person, and many wicked plots having been lately devised at home and abroad against him, it is ordered that if, after 10 Oct. 1656, any attempt his death, or levy war or plot against him and Government, or declare Charles Stuart or any other as King or Queen, or endeavour to revive the claim of the late King's posterity, or hold intelligence with Charles, James, or Henry Stuart, or their mother, or endeavour the betraying any fortress to the enemy, or stir up mutiny in the army, or withdraw any officer or mariner from his

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obedience, or assist any foreign invasion, these offences shall be adjudged high treason. Commissions are to be issued to all the principal legal officers and very numerous other persons for England and Wales, Berwick, and Guernsey and Jersey, 17 to be a quorum; to Roger Lord Broghill, Gen. Monk, and many others for Scotland, 13 to be a quorum; and to the judges and numerous others for Ireland, 13 to be a quorum; who are to examine all cases of treason or suspicion of treason, sentence, and cause their sentences to be executed; with authority to appoint officers and issue writs of assistance. An oath of fidelity to be taken. They are not to proceed against any without advice of the Protector and Council. This Act to continue till the end of the last session of the next Parliament. [4 *pp. printed, Coll. of Acts, Vol.* 2, *No.* 99, *Rec. Office Library*, 498 *F.*]

[Nov. 27.] Act confirming the abolition on 24 Feb. 1646 of the Court of Wards and liveries, with primer seizins, oustrelemains, homages, fines, pardons for alienations, &c.; tenures in capite, by knight's service, or by soccage in chief changed into tenures by free soccage; but all rents and heriots due to mean lords or private persons to be paid; also double the ancient yearly rents on the death of an ancestor, but not reliefs. [1 *p. printed, Coll. of Acts, Vol.* 2, *p.* 100, *Rec. Office Library*, 498 *F.*]

[Nov. 27.] Act for export of commodities of the breed, growth, and manufactures of the Commonwealth:—

The prosperity of these islands depends upon exports overbalancing imports, and as God has blessed this country with abundance of corn, cattle, butter, cheese, &c., much desired by other nations and plantations abroad, if restraints were taken away and customs made easy, it would advance trade and manufacture. Be it therefore enacted that from 1st Jan., from any port where there are customers and collectors of tonnage and poundage, it shall be lawful to export at customs specified, which are larger for foreigners than natives, horses, oxen, beef, pork, bacon, butter, cheese, and candles.

Also the different sorts of grain, when the price of wheat at home is under 40*s.*; rye, peas, and beans, under 24*s.*; barley and malt, 20*s.*; and oats, 17*s.* a quarter. Also beer, calves' skins, arms of sundry kinds, and ammunition. [4 *pp. printed. Coll. of Acts, &c., Vol.* 2, *No.* 102, *Rec. Off. Library*, 498 *F.*]

Nov. 27. **131.** Petition of Rob. Abbot, scrivener of London, to the Protector and Council. You referred my petition to be exempt from the tax and other proceedings of the Majors General and Commissioners, with a certificate of Sir Thos. Vyner and Sir Chris. Pack, aldermen, to the Major General and Commissioners for securing the peace of the Commonwealth in London [*see* 13 *May*, 1656.] They have ordered my exemption from all taxes imposed on delinquents, and from all the said proceedings, yet this notwithstanding, the Majors General and Commissioners out of London will not free my estate in co.

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Lincoln, &c., from the tax. I beg an order for discharge of my whole estate. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

131. I., II. *Draft of a proposed order for freeing Abbot from the tax imposed on delinquents, Council being satisfied of his peaceable demeanour.* [2 *copies,* ½ *page each.*]

131. III. *Report of the Major General and Commissioners alluded to,* 12 *Aug.* 1656. [1½ *pages.*]

Nov. 27. Order in Council for his release from the said tax and other proceedings against delinquents, and for discharge of his estate in the country, by the Majors General or Commissioners in their respective associations and counties. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 529, 530.]

Nov. 27. **132.** Petition of Wm. Sawter, his Highness' servant, to the Protector. My wife's former husband, a captain in the service, had his house at Selby fired by the enemy, and she and her 4 children hardly escaped with life, losing 400*l.*, as testified by Lord Lambert, who was an eye-witness. I was constrained to apply to you, and you gave me hopes of relief, my wife having lost 300*l.* more in the service, for which I do not ask reparation. I beg reference of my loss of 400*l.* to Council. With reference accordingly, 14 May, 1656. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 27. Order in Council for a Privy Seal gratis for 100*l.* in consideration of his losses. [*I.* 77, *p.* 531.]

Nov. 27. Council. Day's Proceedings.

(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1. The certificate of Col. Carew, Hen. Mildmay, and John Brewster about spoils of wood by Mr. Payne and others in Waltham Forest, referred to Desborow, Lambert, the Lord Deputy, Fiennes, Wolsley, and Mulgrave, to consult with Carew and Brewster, and consider what should be done for preservation of timber there and elsewhere. *Annexing,*

133. *Certificate alluded to, suggesting that no woodward or forest officer cast away any timber without approbation of a verderer or chief master keeper.* 12 *Nov.* 1656. [1 *page.*]

2*. Major John Scott, of Nottingham, now prisoner in Maj.-Gen. Whalley's association, to have leave to go beyond sea, on security to Majors Gen. Whalley and Berkstead to do nothing to the prejudice of the State.

4*. Order to recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to continue to Edm. Goodwin, now minister of Eastwick, co. Herts, the 30*l.* a year augmentation granted to Dan. Dike, late minister.

6. To advise a warrant for 250*l.* to Frost, to be by him paid to John Marsh, for the charge of surveying the 4 forests and Enfield Chace.

9. The petition of Sir Jas. Maidnal, Sir Alex. Winderburne, and 6 others referred to the Committee for Scotland, to report.

11. Order to advise a warrant to pay to John Lineall, curate of Castle Church, co. Stafford, 20*l.*, being 2½ years' arrears of 8*l.* a year payable from the Exchequer, to pass without fee.

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12. The petition of Col. Peter Stubbers in behalf of Dominic Martin, of Galloway, Ireland, for an order to the Admiralty Judges to proceed to sentence on several parcels of silver laden by him on the Sampson, Salvador, and St. George, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners.

13. The Committee to whom the regulation of the Army Committee was referred to hasten their report.

14. The payment to Col. Rob. Guibon for fire and candle for the guards at Rye and Sandwich, to be 3*s.* a day, instead of 2*s.* as ordered 28 Oct. last. Approved 13 Dec.

16. The petition of Sir Edm. Bowyer, of Camberwell, Surrey, and a certificate from the Maj.-General and Commissioners upon a reference thereon, with a certificate from Sir Hardress Waller, referred to the said Maj.-General and Commissioners, to do as they think best as to the discharge of proceedings against him.

17. Order that the Commissioners of Excise and Customs permit the landing, free of duty, of 4 puncheons of claret, 2 cases of prunes, and 1 of dried apples, laden on an English ship for the use of Ambassador Nieuport. Approved 23 Dec.

19. Approval of the stamp and superscriptions prepared by Thos. Simons for the gold and silver pieces, according to his new invention, as also the motto of *Oliva. D. G. R. Pub. Ang. Sco. et Hib. Protec.* on one side, and *Pax quæritur bello,* on the other side—and the 2 inscriptions for the edge, *viz., Has nisi periturus mihi adimat nemo,* and *Protector literis, literæ nummis Corona et salus.*

20. The report in the case of the Duchess of Hamilton and her children to be considered next sitting.

23. Whereas by order of 16 Oct. last, 3 new English companies were to be raised, to form, with 7 Irish companies now in England, Col. Hewson's regiment; and 6 other new companies, to form, with 4 of Irish foot, Col. Rob. Guibon's regiment, it is now ordered that Guibon's 4 Irish regiments join Hewson's regiment, and be paid according to the Irish establishment, and the 3 new-raised companies in Hewson's regiment join Guibon's, and be paid according to the English establishment. Approved 13 Dec.

25. Approval by the Protector of 7 orders 28 Oct. to 25 Nov. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 528–536.]

Nov. 27. **134.** Sir Ralph Hare to Williamson. I could come to no conclusion about my nephew [Thos. Leigh's] course without [his mother's] approbation, but in this exigency, I send you a bill for 100*l.*, which I hope you will husband, for money is hard to get with us; I have had to borrow this. I will write more fully when I hear from my lady concerning her son and his affairs. Direct future letters to Rob. Boteler, Poultry, London. [1 *page, much damaged.*]

Nov. **135.** Petition of Mary Reape, widow, of Weymouth, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Being plundered by the enemy at Sherborne during the late wars, we came to Weymouth, and were lovingly protected by Col. Sydenham. Since then my husband died, and my son Nathaniel, on whom I depended for subsistence, was blown up in the Sussex, at Portsmouth. In my exigency I beg an order to the Commissioners in Little Britain for relief. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

135. I. *Certificate by Thos. Waltham, deputy mayor of Weymouth, Rich. Scovile and Rob. Wall, bailiffs, Geo. Thorne, minister, and Geo. Pley in her favour, as having a large family of children.* 27 *Nov.* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

135. II. *Certificate of Capt. Roger Cuttance to the death of Nath. Beane.* 26 *Nov.* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. **136.** Petition of Mary Reape to Lord Sydenham, to forward the presenting of the above petition. [⅔ *page.*]

[Nov.] **137.** Petition of 12 merchants of London trading to the Levant, and free of that Company, to the Protector. Roger Fowke, merchant and consul in Cyprus, has much money and many goods of ours in his hands, besides his own goods and debts in the island. He is not guilty of the misdemeanour complained of in the petition of the Levant Company [*see* 29 *Sept.* 1656], nor has he set rates on other goods than his own, and that only at the price current, the buyer being at liberty to take or leave. He demanded no more from the master of the Hopewell than he really disbursed, and his duties in protecting the ship, value 15,000*l.*, from the insolent Turks, who would have seized it as a shipwreck. He has suffered imprisonment, and been at charge to maintain the trade of the island, has served the State's ships sent for convoys with provisions, and spent his own money for their port-charges, as Capts. Badiley and Appleton can testify. He was also forced to disburse 3,000*l.* towards the debts contracted by the Levant Company's former consul, which are not yet repaid by the Company. We beg examination of the case by honest persons, and meanwhile the revoking of all orders for his removal or banishment, that he may not be ruined by his enemies, unheard. 12 signatures. With reference to Strickland and Sydenham, 18 Nov. 1656; their appointment of Thursday next for hearing all parties concerned, 24 Nov.; and for another hearing Monday next, 28 Nov. [1 *sheet.*]

[Nov.] **138.** Report thereon by Sydenham and Strickland to the Protector. We find that on complaint of the Levant Company, you appointed Martin Lister consul at Cyprus, and ordered Ambassador Bendish to remove Mr. Fowke from the island, which removal is the only thing in question. The Company say that he has engrossed and adulterated cotton, the principal commodity there, and taken consulage twice from the Hopewell, to the value of 1,440 pieces of 8. They fear that he will disturb the succeeding consul, because he pretends a debt of 3,000*l.* of the former consul, which they deny, or if it be true, they say it is determinable before the English ambassador at Constantinople.

The petitioners deny the engrossing and adulterating, and say the charge for the Hopewell was only for its salvage, and is owing to Fowke, and if he is removed, it will much injure them, as he has 14,000*l.* property of theirs in his hands.

The expedient proposed by the governor is that Fowke should remain, on security to be peaceable towards all English, and especially Mr. Lister, and then the Company will not oppose his remaining, but this security the petitioners refuse to give, alleging that they cannot hazard more, he having so much of their estate in his hands.

Only if the Company will undertake the repayment of the 3,000*l.* they will promise that he shall live peaceably. [2 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

138. I. *Attested bill of charges by Fowke for the salvage of the Hopewell, John Harris, master, with consulage, total* 1,800 *dollars. Cyprus* 25 *Jan.* 1656. [1 *page, copy.*]

138. II. *Receipt by Fowke of* 57 *rolls of silk for salvaye from Harris, to whom he has paid the balance of their value beyond the* 1,800 *dollars. Cyprus,* 25 *Jan.* 1656. [½ *page, copy.*]

138. III. *Examinations of John Harris, of Redriff, Surrey, and other officers of the Hopewell, on interrogatories of John Green and company, that Fowke preserved their goods from seizure by the Turks, but seized some in payment of the* 1,800 *dollars, until which was done he kept* 4 *of them prisoners in his house, under the custody of janizaries.* 12 *June* 1656. [9 *pages.*]

138. IV. *Deposition of And. Ellam, merchant of London, to the good conduct of Fowke in preserving the said ship from seizure by the Turks as a wreck. Also that* 4,000 *sacks of cotton is the yearly produce of Cyprus, and Fowke never had more than* 300 *at a time in his hands. That he never engrossed commodities nor hindered trade, and that he was several times imprisoned by the Bashaw for the debts of the late consul. Deposed before Wm. Harrington, Master in Chancery,* 29 *Sept.* 1656. [1 *page.*]

138. V. *Like deposition by John Harris and Sam. Randall, of the Hopewell, that the Bashaw came down with* 300 *or* 400 *soldiers to take the ship as a wreck, but Fowke defended it therefrom, and also from payment of custom, which the Turks would have forced; that he had to give presents, which with his consul's duties came to* 1,800 *dollars, and that but for him the ship, worth* 15,000*l., would have been seized.* 14 *Oct.* 1656. [1 *page.*]

138. VI. *Rough notes from the above proceedings.* [1 *page.*]

Nov. ? **139.** Edw. Norris to Williamson, Saumur. Your happiness surprises me, as the society of the brothers is so much reduced, and each one has availed himself so freely of your help, but beware, for

Quantum quisque suâ nummorum servit in arcâ, tantum habet.

Yet without present help the fleece will be lost. Therefore I beseech you to buy back our ape, for I esteem him much. I am not vexed with what he has done. I am sorry that my brother has so base a heart. Remind him of the 12*l.* he owes me, when you write to him. Private affairs. [1 *page, French.*]

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The Cordeliers. **140.** Rich. Lowther to Williamson. Hearing that the Palmer meant to apprehend me, I thought no place so safe as this, and I beg your advice. I am sorry you should have so ill fortune with me, but the past cannot be recalled. I hope the comfort you will have with Mr. Leigh will supply the vexation you have had with me. You had ground to write to our parents, but I hope your goodness has overweighed justice. Devilish inducements have often power for a time over the best natures. I have bought my experience dear, and it will be an antidote in future. Send me an answer by Mr. Marsh. You should not come, as they will have an eye on you. I am clear of all here except 10 crowns, which I owe to my landlady. You are my only prop. If you would give me money for 2 months, it would be a great obligation, and I would return it. Also send my accounts, and something about our voyage. I have neglected it hitherto, but now I will write it out.

P.S.—Pray give the servants something for me. A plaguy rumour will arise, but necessity must be preferred before a little discredit. [1 *page.*]

Nov. ? **141.** Petition of Thos. Ross to the King. I have ever been your loyal and faithful servant during this late horrible rebellion, and thus lost my fortune, to the ruin of myself and family. I beseech you, in case it shall please God to restore your Majesty to your throne, to bestow on me the office of yeoman of your removing wardrobe, as formerly held by Clement Kinnersley, who has long adhered to the rebels, and is now a menial servant to Oliver Cromwell, and was employed by the rebels as a Commissioner for the sale of your Majesty's goods. [1 *page.*]

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Dec. 1. **1.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I will send you a bill from Sir Fras. [Norris] next post. He has not got his money returned, but I have credit for it. You have meantime a bill at sight from Sir Ralph Hare for Mr. Leigh, for 100*l.*

I hear nothing of the books that should come from Nantes for your book; enquire particulars of them, and how they were sent, with the prices. We shall have the 4th volume of the great Bible, the New Testament, by Christmas. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 1. **2.** Sir F. Norris to Williamson. I send 50*l.* Ned will tell me, before he has spent it, how long he means to stay in France. I do not intend to send for him at present, though Mr. Whorwood is sending for his son. My wife would have him to see Paris this winter, but I know not how to direct it. God keep him from the smallpox, which is much in London. Mr. Whorwood spoke well of you to me. [1 *page.*]

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Dec. 2. **3.** Tabular list of hackney coachmen in and about London, giving in parallel columns—

1. The wards in London or Westminster.
2. Persons admitted more than are allowed.
3. Number of horses allowed them.
4. Number wrought more than allowed, 49 pairs.
5. Persons in being at the time of the Ordinance, and persons dismissed.
6. Number wrought by them, 95.
7. Persons set up since the Ordinance.
8. Number of horses, 41.
9. Persons set up since 4 Sept., when the order of restraint was made.
10. Number of horses, 50 pairs.

Making a total of 235 pairs of horses more than the 250 allowed. [1⅓ *sheet.*]

[Dec. 2.] **4.** Note that 235 hackney coaches and pairs of horses are wrought in and about London more than allowed by his Highness' Ordinance, of which 50 have been set up since Council's order to stay all proceedings on the by-laws, besides many not yet discovered and brought into the list, and others daily setting up, encouraged by the stay of proceedings. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 2. Order thereon in Council, that the suspension of proceedings on the by-laws touching hackney coachmen, ordered 19 Aug. last, be taken off, and the Lord Mayor and Aldermen consider the ordinances for their regulation, the by-laws, and the complaints of the persons aggrieved thereby, redress them, revise the said by-laws, offer to Council what they think fit to reform their severity, consider who are now overseers, take care that only honest and faithful persons be overseers, and put out such as are otherwise. In the number of coachmen to be allowed, special regard is to be taken of such as are well affected, and the business to be so regulated that there be no just cause of complaint, and no prosecution of any for offences against the by-laws since 19 Aug., when proceedings thereon were suspended. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 536–7.]

[Dec. 2.] **5.** Thos. Manby, Ri. Lacy, and Jo. Hildesley, judges for probate of wills, to the Earl of Mulgrave. In May 1655, his Highness ordered Anne Prigeon, from the casual profits of our Court, 10*l.* at once, and 10*l.* yearly; she has received 5*l.* out of one Ranshaw's estate, but since then no such payments have been made. We have no power to compel casual profits, which would be considerable if got in, so the order cannot be fulfilled without a Privy Seal to pay from the other profits. 28 Nov. 1656. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 2. Order thereon in Council to advise a warrant for payment of 20*l.* to her from the Exchequer. [*I.* 77, *p.* 538.]

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Dec. 2. **7.** Petition of the inhabitants of Leeds, co. York, to the Protector. We bless the Lord that His hand has been your guardian in all your undertakings for the governing of this Commonwealth, and will do our best for your preservation.

In 2 Charles, we were made a corporation, with 1 alderman, 9 burgesses, and 20 assistants, but the patent was procured without a general consent of the clothiers and inhabitants, and there were defects which have caused many vexations and evils. To appease this, it was agreed that the old charter should be surrendered, and there should be a new patent requested, for a mayor, 12 aldermen, and 30 common councilmen. This was done in 1642, when the King was at Nottingham, and the wars began. Then the present governors revived the said government, and there has been much oppression and illegality, unjust by-laws, oppressing the clothiers, and unlawful taxes, imprisoning, and taking of goods. We therefore beg a new charter of incorporation, with a mayor, 12 aldermen, and 30 common councilmen, to be indifferently chosen, with power to elect a burgess to sit in Parliament. With reference to Council, 1 Dec. 1656. [1 *sheet, and* 10 *sheets of signatures, a large proportion being by mark.*]

Dec. 2. Order thereon for incorporation as desired, Mr. Shepard and the other Commissioners for Charters to consider of fit powers and privileges, prepare a draft, and present it to Council. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 539.]

Dec. 2. Council. Day's Proceedings.

(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

8. 2. Wolsley, Pickering, and Strickland, to consider a paper from Maj.-Gen. Haynes, concerning an allowance for him as housekeeper at Hampton Court, under an assignment from Thos. Smithsby, and to report.

3. The report from the Treasury Commissioners on the petition of Wm. Paul, farmer of the prizage of wines, under Sir Wm. Waller, and the papers annexed, referred to Desborow, Jones, the Lord Deputy, and Pickering; Mr. Secretary to assist.

4.* Order—on petition of the inhabitants of Cheshunt, co. Herts, that the profits arising from the small tithes due to the vicarage there are only worth 30*l.* a year (beside 57*l.* given by King James for the tithes of Theobald Park), and being scattered in 26 fee-farm rents through Essex and Herts they are not worth more than 40*l.* a year on account of the public taxes, and the charge of gathering them, and that the whole 70*l.* a year is not a competent maintenance for their minister, John Yeates, a Godly and able preacher—that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers be recommended to settle an augmentation of 50*l.* per annum on him.

5.* Approval of an order by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of the continuance to Jas. Wyer, present minister of Doddington, co. Oxon, of an augmentation granted by the Committee for reformation of the Universities of 80*l.* to Nath. Partridge, minister, who is removed.

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6. An order of 18 Nov. for payment to Capt. John Leverett of 2,000*l.* from discoveries, on his privy seal for a debt of 4,482*l.* 3*s.* 11½*d.*, for disbursements about forts taken from the French in America, recalled, and he left to the benefit of his privy seal.

8.* Order—on petition of divers inhabitants of the parish of Pickering, co. York, that it is an ancient market town, consisting of 300 families, beside several places and towns appertaining, and that the rectory belonged to the late Deanery of York, and the cure thereof is worth but 12*l.* a year, whereby they are deprived of the ministration of any able preacher—that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers settle an augmentation of 60*l.* on a lecturer there, out of the tithes of the impropriate rectory of Pickering, or the rent reserved therefrom, as soon as such a sum shall arise above what it is now charged with by the Trustees, and meantime as much of the 60*l.* as they can.

12. Order—on report on the petition of Meredith Lewis, late sheriff of co. Brecon [*see* 25 *Nov.* 1656]—that a Privy Seal be issued remitting the fines laid on him in the Exchequer [for not producing Thos. Games] when he was sheriff. *Annexing,*

> **9.** *Report alluded to, stating that Games was detained in the sheriff's hands by a writ of the Commissioners for Monthly Assessments, for embezzling public treasure in his hands, and advising remission of Lewis' fines. Signed by Desborow, Jones, and Strickland,* 2 *Dec.* 1656. [¾ *page.*]

> **9.** I. *Certificate by H. Burwell, master of the office, as to what part of the fines were paid when Lewis was, or was not, in office.* [1 *page.*]

13. 500*l.* a piece to be allowed to Nathaniel and Francis Bacon for their yearly salary as masters of requests, and his Highness advised to order the payment thereof quarterly.

14. The clerks attending the masters of requests to accept no fees from petitioners for their services.

15. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 5,000*l.* for Council's contingencies, to enable him to pay the salaries of clerks and officers attending Council, and of messengers and serjeant's deputies.

16.* Order that from the first Council's contingency money that Frost shall receive, he pay the sums owing to Nath. Bacon, as a master of requests.

18. The certificate from the justices of peace in co. Norfolk, on the petition of Thos. Dawson and other inhabitants of Swaffham, shewing their losses by a fire there last July, and praying a patent for a collection, referred to Sydenham, the Lord Deputy, Jones, Pickering, and Lambert, to report, and also to prepare orders for the relief of those who sustained loss by the fire at Peterborough, conformable to the orders made for those at Marlborough.

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21. Order—on report on the petition of John Clarke of Edmondsbury, Suffolk [*see* 16 *March* 1655]—that the most convenient way of granting the petition will be an order on the Exchequer for payment of 185*l.* to Clarke, when he pays in the assessments.

22. Approval of an augmentation by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 20*l.* to Thos. Hutchinson, minister of Colby, co. Lincoln, the Committee for reformation of the Universities having formerly granted 40*l.* to the minister of Colby. Approved 4 Dec.

23. Order—on a report on the arrears due to Col. Ant. Rous [*see* 4 *Nov.* 1656]—that the Admiralty Commissioners require the Navy Treasurer to pay him 300*l.* Approved 11 Dec. *Annexing,*

10, 10. I. *Report alluded to, signed by Desborow and Jones, that he served as Admiralty Commissioner and as judge for probate of wills from* 1 *April* 1654 *to* 1 *April* 1655 *; that the other judges have* 300*l. a year allowed, and that he should have the same.* [2 *papers.*]

10. II. *Certificate by Mark Cottle, registrar of the Court of Probates, that he delivered notes, in Feb.* 1654–5 *of arrears unpaid to Manley, Rous, Lucy, and Hildesley, when ½ a year was due to Rous, and he has not been paid since,* 12 *Nov.* 1656. [½ *page.*]

10. III., IV. *Certificate of the time of his service as an Admiralty Commissioner by Rob. Blackborne, secretary,* 28 *Nov.* 1656. [2 *copies.*]

24. Order that—whereas the Admiralty Commissioners contracted last May with Capt. John Child for 5,000*l.* in French money, equal to 22,000 French crowns, which by Order of Council of 27 May last he might transport custom free, but has only transported 9,000 crowns, and begs leave to transport the residue in pieces of 8, and on a report of the Admiralty Commissioners thereon—he be allowed to transport the said pieces custom free. *Annexing,*

11. *Report of the Admiralty Commissioners alluded to, stating that the money was to buy canvas for the use of the navy,* 4 *Nov.* 1656. [⅔ *page.*]

25. The petition to the Protector of several doctors of physic in Scotland, for letters patent to erect and constitute a college of physicians in Edinburgh of learned and experienced men, and to endow it with like privileges, &c., to those enjoyed by the College of Physicians in London, referred to Mulgrave, Lambert, and Lisle, to send for Dr. Wright and other experienced physicians, consult, and report.

26. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers at the Tower to give out of the stores 600 bandoleers to Capt. Hen. Smith, for the forces he raised in co. Oxford. Approved 23 Dec.

27. Council to meet again to-morrow afternoon.

28. Approval by the Protector of orders of 16 Sept. and 28 Oct. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 536–545.]

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Dec. 3. **12.** Petition of Christian Paul Santen and John Leemknell, merchants of London, to the Protector. We thank you for referring our petition for relief to the Committee for Preservation of Customs, who, considering our great losses and damage, ordered the Customs' Commissioners to repay us 390*l.*, but they say they cannot do so, because their hands are tied by you concerning disposal of money. We beg a Privy Seal for payment, or license to import French wines, to be discounted to the same sum. With reference 15 Jan. 1655–6 to Privy Council. [1 *sheet.*]

Dec. 3. Order confirming that of the Commissioners for Preservation of Customs of 26 July 1655, about the prize wines brought in by the St. Jacob of Rostock, and cleared in the Admiralty Court,—directing repayment of 390*l.* customs, the owner paying customs for so much of the wines as then remained,—and ordering payment by the present Commissioners of Customs. Approved 23 Dec. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 548, 585.]

Dec. 3. **13.** Statement by Sir John Barkstead to Council. Much of the prize plate and silver lately brought from Portsmouth by Capt. Lloyd, could not be valued without assay, being either wrought plate or unmarked; I have conferred with Sir Thos. Vyner and Edw. Backwell, who viewed it, and made an offer for it, taking all charge of melting. I have also heard Capt. Hen. Sharpe, Sam Bartlett, and Thos. Burgh (or Birch), authorized by you to value it, and, according to your orders, I offer my opinion of the prices to be offered, *viz.*:—

	s.	*d.*
Wrought plates, per oz. - - - - - -	4	8½
Small bars and cakes unmarked, but better than standard, per oz. - - - - - -	5	4

In the sugar loaves or pina silver 18 ozs. on every 40 lbs. should be allowed for the waste occasioned by the quicksilver. [1 *sheet.*]

Dec. 3. Order thereon that the said parcel be delivered to Vyner and Backwell at the said rates, and that Barkstead consider what should be done if water have got into the pina silver, that it may not be cast into the weight. [*I.* 77, *p.* 549.]

Dec. 3. **14.** Petition of Clement Hillyard to the Protector and Council. My husband is in Jamaica, as surgeon to Capt. Jones' troop, and left his pay to be received by me every 4 months, for our 3 small children, but enlisting suddenly under Capt. Loyen, he was not in the Portsmouth list, though a later list attests his service. His Highness, knowing my former sufferings at Crowland, co. Lincoln, spoke to Col. Sydenham to do me right. I beg receipt of what is due to my husband, and the signing of my letter of attorney. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 3. Order thereon that Fras. Hodges, treasurer for the Jamaica forces, pay her 4 months' pay as ordered to the wives of those entered on the muster roll at Portsmouth. [*I.* 77, *p.* 553.]

Dec. 3. Declaration by his Highness and Council for continuing the Army Committee. Whereas, in pursuance of the 27th Article of Government, his Highness and Council ordered an assessment of 60,000*l.* a month for 6 months, from 25 Dec. 1656, to be issued on orders of the Army Committee, it is ordered that the Army Committee appointed 28 Jan. 1653–4 be continued, and execute the said order. Also that the directions given in the last Ordinance for disposal of the said assessments be observed in reference to all moneys appointed for the army before 24 June 1657, and be observed by the Treasurers-at-war, collectors, receivers, &c. Approved 4 Dec. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 553, 561, 940–1.]

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2. Order—on petition of the well-affected inhabitants of Barnstaple for an augmentation to their minister, Nath. Mather—that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers settle an augmentation of 100*l.* a year on him. Approved 23 Dec.

3. Order—on petition of Geo. Wilson, minister of Elsenham, co. Essex, that he formerly enjoyed an augmentation of 50*l.* a year from the rectory of Great Dummow, sequestered for the recusancy of Lady Lake, who is now dead, and the augmentation determined—that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers settle another fit augmentation on him instead. Approved 23 Dec.

5. Order on report on the petition of Sarah Vincent [*see* 1 *Nov.* 1656] that the Major-General and Commissioners for the peace in Durham require [Ant.] Lapthorne to account for the whole profits of Sedgfield rectory above 200*l.* a year, pay Mrs. Vincent 247*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*, and certify as to the rest of the profits. Approved 23 Dec.

15. *Report of Maj.-Gen. Rob. Lilburne to the effect of the above order, adding that, in case of Lapthorne's refusing obedience, the rectory should be sequestered, till the profits beyond* 200*l. a year are paid.* [1 *page.*]

6. Approval of a certificate from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, of 21 Oct. 1656, for the 60*l.* a year hitherto granted to the minister of Patcham, co. Sussex, to be reduced to 40*l.*, and the extra 20*l.* granted to the minister of Brighthempston, which is an important market town. Approved by the Protector, 23 Dec.

7. A report from the Commissioners on Col. Ralph Weldon's petition—shewing that on disbanding the forces in Plymouth garrison in 1647, he paid several sums and gave divers tickets for discharge of what was owing by officers and soldiers to the poor inhabitants there, for which proceedings 6,000*l.* was ordered to him, but only 2,000*l.* paid, and he stands engaged by promise for 3,500*l.*; and that his accounts should be stated, and the money paid—agreed to, and the same Commissioners to see Weldon about stating his accounts, and to consider how the money may best be paid.

8. In the order of 20 Nov. last, for payment of 250*l.* to Mr. Marsh towards surveying 4 forests and Enfield Chace, the Trustees for sale of the late King's lands to be empowered to give Marsh a warrant for the issuing forth thereof, and the quorum of 2 to be inserted in that order.

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9. Out of the moneys to be paid on Sir Thos. Vyner and Mr. Backwell's contract, the salaries of clerks, officers, messengers, and serjeant-deputies attending Council, to be paid off to last Michaelmas, as also the money due on bills expended by them.

10. In the order of 25 Nov. 1656, for paying Capt. Ben. Gifford's company of foot after the proportion of 100 men, the words "from 15 Sept. last" to be inserted.

11. For supply of the pay of an ensign and corporal in Capt. Ben. Gifford's conpany, only 96 private soldiers to be mustered, but the number 100 returned, and the pay of the other 4 to be applied to the ensign and corporal; the muster master to act accordingly. Approved 23 Dec.

12. The company of foot now at Dover, lately part of Col. Mills' regiment, to attend the garrison there instead of the company formerly drawn out from thence, and to receive pay and all other privileges which the other company enjoyed, and the Army Committee to act accordingly.

13. The troop of horse in Kent, under Capt. Cadwell, to be disbanded and paid up, and the Army Committee to issue warrants accordingly. Approved 23 Dec.

19. The Treasury Commissioners to be at liberty to pay, out of the money arising by Sir Thos. Vyner and Mr. Backwell's contract for prize plate and money, the sums due to members of Council, and Mr. Thurloe's arrears.

25. Order—on a letter from the Commissioners of co. Somerset, in reply to a reference of Oct. 16, on the petition of Henry Sydenham, of Chelworthy, to enquire into his case and report, that they find he has conducted himself peaceably and is worthy of clemency,—that he and his estate be discharged from all further proceedings by the Major General and Commissioners. Approved 23 Dec.

26. Order—on petition of the merchants concerned in the Stamboline, fired in the Thames Dec. 1654, on her way to London, to their great loss by the burning of her cargo, and on a certificate from the Customs' Commissioners, showing the greatness of the loss by the burning, blowing up, and purloining of a great part of the goods, and the damage sustained by the remainder, which, when weighed and valued by the Customs' Commissioners, and the allowance for damage deducted, are only worth 391*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, for which sum they have given bonds, the particulars whereof are annexed—that the customs and excise be remitted, and the bonds delivered back to be cancelled. Approved 23 Dec.

27. The Treasurer for the decimation tax, co. Chester, to pay to Col. Croxton 40*l.*, expended in removal of arms, &c., from Liverpool to Chester Castle, by order of Council.

29. To enable Peter Blondeau to coin money after his new invention, the Trustees at Drury House to put him in possession of the kitchen, larder, cellars, coach-houses, and other rooms not used, within a week's time.

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30. Thos. Simons, chief graver of the Mint and seals, to make such stamps of the effigy of his Highness, according to the lately approved draft, as may be useful to Blondeau in his new invention.

31. Blondeau to be authorised to put in execution his new way of coining without molestation, according to former orders.

33. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners, out of the assessment money next coming in, to pay John Blackwell, junior, and Rich. Deane, War-treasurers, 360,000*l.* for Army service.

34. Order—on Maj.-Gen. Whalley's paper, certifying that the pay of the Derbyshire troop under Capt. Roades, for the year ending 24 June 1656, is 1,199*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.*, towards which the receivers for co. Derby have paid 433*l.*, and those for co. Lincoln 67*l*, leaving 689*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.* still in arrear—that the Receivers of militia money in co. Derby pay Maj.-Gen. Whalley 423*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.*, and those for co. Leicester 266*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.*, to pay off the above troop.

35. Maj.-Gen. Whalley empowered to order the Treasurers of militia money in the counties of his association to pay, out of such surplus as they may have in hand, such sums as he shall direct, to complete the pay of the militia troop for co. Warwick, for the year ending 24 June 1656. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 545–554.]

Dec. 4. **16.** Petition of Hannah Boyce, widow, to Council. Is evicted by Ralph Blackhall, victualler, from houses in Crooked Lane, London, which she bought of the State, to her utter ruin. Begs their hearing of the report of Col. Grosvenor and Major Slater, to whom the Protector referred the case, and an order to the sheriffs of London to restore her to possession, and to enjoin Blackhall to satisfy her costs and damages. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 4. Order on report that she bought the houses from the Trustees for sale of Crown lands, referring the case to the Committee for removing Obstructions, to enquire if she has been legally ousted for deficiency of title, and if so, to allow her a reprize; and they are to meet speedily on this and other business. [*I.* 77, *p.* 555.]

Dec. 4. **17.** Petition of Jas. Philipps for the inhabitants of co. Cardigan to the Protector and Council. Our county, being the poorest and least in the nation, is charged, by the last order for assessment for 60,000*l.* a month, with 360*l.*, notwithstanding several orders for taking off ½ our assessments since Dec. 1649. We beg of your wonted clemency an order to the Army Committee and Treasurers-at-war only to call for ½ thereof. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 4. Order thereon granting the petition for the 6 months beginning 25 Dec. next. Approved in person. [*I.* 77. *p.* 555.]

Dec. 4. **18.** Petition of the officers of the Cheshire brigade at Worcester to the Protector, to present their cause to Parliament, that their arrears in that engagement, being duly stated, may be put into bonds, and affixed on the army security, and that their 2 months' pay may be assigned to a fit treasury, fearing else to be frustrated after spending so much money. [½ *page.*]

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Dec. 4. Reference thereon in Council to the Lord Deputy and Lord Lambert, to speak with the officers who presented the petition, and report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 556.]

Dec. 4. **19.** Petition of Capt. Geo. Tito, of Poole, to the Protector. Thanks for your letter to Generals Blake and Montague concerning my son Thomas, seized and detained at Malaga, promising that if any Spanish prisoner of quality were taken, my son should be enlarged upon exchange. Understanding that several have been taken and brought to England, I beg one of them, that I may recover my son by an exchange. With reference to Council. [½ *page.*]

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Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to General Blake. His Highness and Council beg you to take special care for the release of Thos. Tito, improving thereto the first prisoner of fit quality, that he may return home, to the comfort of his relations, who suffer by his restraint. [*I.* 77, *p.* 942.]

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(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1. To write to the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland, recommending them to consider Col. Simon Rugely, and give him a fit employment in Ireland.

4*. The order and declaration passed yesterday for continuing the Army Committee to be printed and published.

10. The petition of Wm. Penoyer and company, for leave to ship forth 80 tons of saltpetre, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

12*. On report from Sir John Barkstead and Lieut.-Col. Francis White, on an order of 7 Aug. 1656, to view the instruments, material, and counterfeit coin seized by Rich. Pight, clerk of the irons, and deface them, and for their value and that of the coin to go towards payment of the 70*l.* and 83*l.* ordered him for the seizure and attendant expenses—that the goods are worth 37*l.*, which they delivered to Pight, with a press for coining money, formerly stolen out of the Tower, which, being mostly of brass, is worth 2*l.*:—order that the press be continued for the service of the Mint, and delivered to the proper officers, and Pight be paid 115*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.* out of the Mint profits by the Warden of the Mint.

13*. On report from the Committee on Major Hezekiah Haynes' petition,—that the office of housekeeper at Hampton Court was granted by patent to James, Marquis of Hamilton, who in Jan. 1640–1 assigned it to Thos. Smithsby, and the grant was confirmed by the late King, and allowed by the late Revenue Committee, and that Smithsby has assigned all his interest to Haynes;—order that 500*l.* be paid to Haynes by the Treasury Commissioners, on his releasing all his interest in the premises. *Annexing,*

20. *Report as above alluded to, adding that the office is worth 400l. a year, and that his Highness having promised Haynes 500l. for it a year ago, he begs allowance thereof.* [1 *page.*]

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16. The petition of Elizabeth, widow of Dr. Aylmer, of Claydon, co. Suffolk, who was decimated at 16*l.* a year, that on account of her charge and debts, and his death, the tax may be taken off from her and her children, referred to Lord Deputy, Jones, Lisle, and Lambert, to report.

17*. That part of the petition of Mary, widow of Maj.-Gen. Fortescue, relating to her purchase from the State, and the arrear half of Lord St. John's composition, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to see how the composition stands, and report what should be done; and that part concerning the services of her husband in his several capacities referred to the Lord Deputy and Jones.

18. Order on an offer by John Hooke to discover a tenement in co. Herts, value 40*l.* a year, belonging to the State by escheat, that there be allowed him $\frac{1}{3}$ of the value of his discovery, and all his necessary charges therein; the Treasury Commissioners to examine the discovery.

20. Order on reading an order of 12 May 1654,—that the then Prize Goods' Commissioners should pay James Boswell 1,000*l.* towards his debt which has not been paid—that Wolsley, the Lord Deputy, Desborow, Mulgrave, Jones, and Skippon learn from the former Prize Goods' Commissioners why it was not paid, and report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 554–561.]

Dec. 4. **20.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Receipt and transmission of letters and money. All well at college and here. Parliament is to continue for a longer time; more Acts have newly come forth. One is to confer a higher title on him [the Protector]. Thorndike tells me we shall have a 5th volume [of the Bible], the 4th will take in the Apocrypha. Private affairs. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Dec. $\frac{6}{16}$. Brussels. M. M. Vernatt to [Sec. Thurloe?]. C. St. [Charles Stuart], with his sister of Orange, came hither on Thursday in a coach with 6 horses, but a poor retinue. He is lodged in a house of Duke of Bournanville, at his own charge, for what I can hear. She came to further a suit about some lands belonging to her son. He I know not for what, except to keep her company or press something that concerned him with Duke John, but how welcome may appear by Duke John's going to Ternuerne, a house 6 miles off, at the news of his coming, to avoid obligations to use him with ceremony. He is not overlaid with visits; I never yet saw a coach at his door, and his levies improve not; they say it is because all imaginable course is taken in France to hinder more from coming, but they expect more next year, when armies draw out into the fields. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence,* $\frac{6}{16}$ *Dec.* 1656.

Dec. $\frac{6}{16}$. Paris. **21.** L. Froment to Williamson. Wm. Carbonnel of London wishes me to pay you at once 655 livres, saying you much need it, and therefore I send it, though I have not yet received the money, but deducting 10 livres for the exchange. Pray acknowledge receipt. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page, French.*]

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22. Elizabeth, Lady Lowther, to Williamson. Our great distance from London, and my brother's unsettledness there must excuse delay in our letters. You press our resolution about my son Tom's exhibition whilst beyond seas with you. I have a great opinion of your ability and temper, and wish him to be with you, and any reasonable demand you made for your salary as his governor we should not have disputed; but by your general demand of 250*l.* a year for him and yourself, we think you conceive his future estate more ample than it is; for at present it is so charged with jointures, and overrun with debts that it will hardly bear the sum you name, nor should I desire him to be bred highly, the moderate course being more likely to advance his studies. I have known more gentlemen return home "absolute in judgment and knowledge" who spent under 200*l.* a year, than those that spent double that sum. An overplus leads to vanity and flattery; but I hope your judgment will help him to avoid those rocks and others. He should not desire what would contract his future freedom. He can live more handsomely in France than here till we arrange his final settlement. Whilst he is at Saumur I hope 200*l.* a year will cover all expenses, with more when you remove; but if you insist on the 250*l.*, I will try to get my brother's assent, only you must expect no more when you travel. I am glad you give him so good a character; thanks for your love and care of him. [1½ *pages.*]

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23. Petition of Hen. Hayhurst, physician to the army late under Ferdinando, Lord Fairfax, to the Protector. I served from 24 Oct. 1642 to 23 Jan. 1645–6, and laid out large sums for physic, but when Hamilton came into Lancashire with the Scots, they burnt all my accounts, and threatened to burn my house. I went soon after to serve in Ireland, but a friend with whom I left my affidavits neglected to get my accounts stated. Lord Thos. Fairfax requested the Army Committee to state them, but they said they were forbidden to do it until the army then in being was satisfied.

I beg an order to the Committee for soldiers at Worcester House to state my accounts, and to the Committee for Accounts of the soldiery in Ireland to allow of them, and give out debentures, that I may be paid from rebels' lands in Ireland. With reference to Privy Council, 27 Nov. 1656. [1 *page.*]

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Order that the Worcester House Committee examine the accounts by vouchers or oaths, and state them to Council. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 566.]

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24. Petition of John Bull, one of the surveyors of estates forfeited for treason, to the Council of State. Was authorized with Rich. Creed and others to survey estates, which they carefully performed. On 1 June 1654 the trustees for sale of the said estates ordered him 134*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.* salary for 2 years' service, out of the 16,472*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.* appointed by Parliament for surveyors, messengers, &c., but only 60*l.* has been paid, and the treasurer refuses to pay the 74*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.* balance, because of the late order for paying all monies into the Treasury. Begs an order for payment, having long been ill, being

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in debt to the amount, and Mr. Creed, his co-actor, having already an order for payment. [1 *page*.] *Annexing*,

24. I. *Order referred to for payment to him of* 134*l*. 11*s*. 0*d*., 1 *June* 1654. *With certificate of Jo. Borradale, cashier, that* 74*l*. 11*s*. 0*d*. *still remains due.* 28 *May* 1657. [1 *page*.]

Dec. 11. **25.** Reference of the above petition to the Treason Trustees. [¾ *page*; *also I.* 77, *p.* 570.]

Dec. 9. Approval by the Protector of an order of 27 Nov. [*I.* 77, *p.* 561.]

Dec. 11. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1. Wm. Shield's information concerning words spoken against Lord Claypole by Constable, about Claypole's discharging Warrell, referred to Wolsley, Lambert, Pickering, Jones, and the Lord Deputy, to send for whom they will, learn the fact, and report.

2. The heads of a charter prepared by Shephard and the rest of the Committee for Charters, referred to the Committee of Council for Charters, to speak with Maj.-Gen. Berry, the governor of Chepstow, and others, and report; Strickland added to the Committee.

3. The petition of Thomas, Earl of Berkshire, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to receive his proposals concerning farming the post fines, and report.

4. The petition and appeal of William Lord Cochrane, on behalf of Esme, Duke of Richmond and Lennox, to be considered next sitting.

5. The Maj.-General and Commissioners for co. Durham to order that from the overplus profit of Sedgfield rectory, beside the 200*l*. a year ordered to Ant. Lapthorne, incumbent, and 247*l*. 8*s*. ordered to Sarah Vincent, 200*l*. a year be allowed to the new college at Durham, to maintain two itinerant ministers to preach the Gospel thereabouts. Approved 23 Dec.

7. Order on a certificate on the petition of Lady Mary Vere [*see* 15 *July* 1656]—that Sir Rob. Tracy holds the reversion of Frawnton Manor, after Lady Vere, who has long had 500*l*. therefrom, and that this sum was reprized to Sir Robert in the taxing of the manor—that the estate be discharged from the tax during Lady Vere's life, and all proceedings against her thereupon be forborne. Approved 23 Dec. *Annexing*,

26. *Certificate by the County Commissioners alluded to, Gloucester*, 15 *July* 1656; 5 *signatures*. [1 *page*.]

9. Approval of an augmentation of 14*l*. a year by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to John Patrick, minister of Brixworth, co. Northampton, the Committee for Reformation of the Universities having settled the same on Sam. Bagley, late minister, who has now left. Approved by the Protector, 23 Dec.

10. The petition of Ambrose Moston, minister of the Gospel in Wales, referred to Wolsley, Jones, and Strickland, to report.

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11. The petition of Roger Lord Broghill referred to Wolsley, to present it to his Highness, that such orders may be given in the matter prayed as in his wisdom he thinks fit.

12. Order on certificate from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 18 Nov. 1656—that the Committee for Plundered Ministers granted an augmentation of 10*l.* a year to the minister of Earl's Barton, co. Northampton, out of the impropriate rectory of that place, then under sequestration, and that after the sequestration failed, they continued it, and now think that it, with 10*l.* a year added, would be a fit sum for Mr. Kendrick, the present minister —that Council approves the same, and orders 20*l.* a year to be paid him accordingly. Approved 23 Dec.

13. The several augmentations certified by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, and not already approved, referred to Lambert, Pickering, Strickland, and the Lord Deputy, to report.

His Highness present.

14. The petition signed by Rich. Eccleston and James Rand, and others "desirous in some measure of the good of the nation," referred to President Lawrence, Lambert, the Lord Deputy, Lisle, Rous, Mulgrave, Jones, Pickering, and Strickland, to consult with fit persons, and report.

15.* To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 25*l.* on Giles Foreman, minister of Shalford, co. Essex, beside the 25*l.* already granted.

16.* Also an augmentation of 50*l.* on Geo. Peirce, minister of North Curry, co. Somerset, and see it speedily paid.

17. The petition and papers of Geo. Pitt, of Strathfieldsay, co. Hants, referred to Jones, Desborow, and Sydenham, to speak with the Commissioners for co. Dorset, and report.

18. The stamp and superscription on one side of the money to be coined according to Blondeau's new invention to be according to the form now brought in, instead of that formerly agreed on.

19. Sydenham and Jones to speak with Mr. Hussey about getting 100*l.* a year settled on Joanna, relict of Maj.-Gen. Robt. Sedgwick, out of Mr. Mason's estate, according to a former order of his Highness and Council.

21. Order on report from the Treasury Commissioners that they think the following allowances fit for Edw. Birkhead, serjeant-at-arms, *viz.*:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
For provision of necessaries for the Houses of Parliament and Committees, from 17 Sept. to 7 Dec. 1656 - - - -	100	0	0
To be distributed as wages to the 14 servants attending Parliament - - -	140	0	0
For bringing up the Quakers from Bristol -	26	18	8
Total	266	18	8

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To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay it him accordingly.

22.* The Exchequer Commissioners in Scotland to pass a precept in due form, requiring John Baynes, receiver-general of the revenue in Scotland, to pay the English Exchequer 10,000*l.* out of property and casualty revenues.

23.* Out of the above, when received, the Treasury Commissioners to pay 2,000*l.* to Capt. John Leverett towards satisfaction of his Highness' privy seal letters, directed to the Treasury Commissioners for payment of 4,482*l.* 3*s.* 11½*d.* to Leverett, for his payments about the fort taken from the French in America.

24. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners—that as commanded they have ordered in several vessels belonging to the Channel and Irish coasts to refit, and have bought several quantities of naval stores on promise of ready money, whereof part is already due on bills of exchange on the Navy Treasurer, and for settlement of which 30,000*l.* will be wanted, beside the present receipts from custom and excise—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Hutchinson 26,000*l.* out of the money coming in on Vyner and Backwell's contract for prize plate.

25. To advise a like order to pay 4,000*l.* to John Maidstone, steward of his Highness' household, that he may repay it to the Navy Treasurer, who lent it him for his Highness' household expenses.

26.* Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners of the account from the postmaster at Portsmouth, for his charges in entertaining Don Diego de Villa Alva and Monsieur del Plato, and their 6 servants, and their expenses up to London, amounting to 53*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, and that they consider it excessive;—that the same Committee try to get some reduction, and give order for payment.

27. The report from the Admiralty Commissioners that more victuals must be supplied for Gen. Blake's fleet, to enable it to remain on the Spanish coast, their last provisions expiring next February, referred to Lambert, Desborow, Sydenham, Jones, and Pickering, to consult with the Admiralty Commissioners, and report what provisions should be sent.

28.* Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners, on reference on the petition of Wm. Pennoyer, merchant, and company, that the Customs' Commissioners allow him to export 60 tons of saltpetre to any port at peace with this Commonwealth.

29. Order—on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners, of the defects of the Round White Tower at Portsmouth, and the need of speedy repair—that the said Commissioners consider what should be done, estimate the charge, and report. *Annexing,*

27. *Report alluded to, stating that the charge will be much greater by delay, and that the Tower, being in the very narrow of the river, is a great safeguard to ships, and begging directions to the governor for its repair.* 9 *Dec.* 1656. [⅔ *page.*]

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30.* Order—on a report from the Committee of Council on Gen. Montague's bills for apparel, &c., for Marquis Badix and his brother [Spanish prisoners]—that 300*l.* be paid him from Council's contingencies to discharge the bills, and put some money into their purses. *Annexing,*

28. *Report alluded to, signed by Desborow and Strickland.* [¾ *page.*]

28. I. *Bills of* 52*l.* 13*s. for their clothes, swords, coach hire, &c.* [*Scrap.*]

28. II. *Bill of* 214*l.* 16*s. for bed, bedding, and furniture, addressed to Sir Gilbert Pickering. Noted that they should be allowed some spending money.* [*Scrap.*]

32. Wm. Holt's petition, and the papers annexed, concerning a legacy from Sir Paul Pindar, referred to the Committee on the other petition concerning the estates of Wm. Toomes, a felon of himself, to report.

33.* The petition of Capt. Ben. Blake, for Capt. Sydrach Blake, now prisoner in Spain, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to procure his liberty by exchange of any fit Spanish prisoner, the late governor of Havannah excepted.

34. The petition of Wm. Tills, surgeon's mate in Col. Okey's regiment of horse, for 32 days' pay said to be in arrear, referred to the Army Committee, to report.

36. Jones, Strickland, Lisle, Sydenham, and Lambert to consider Mrs. Blunt's case, and report.

37. The petition of divers poor widows and servants of the late King referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

41. To advise his Highness to allow Robt. Browne, consul at Algiers, a salary of 400*l.* above the profits of consulage, to be paid in England, with arrears, while he officiates there, and to order the Treasury Commissioners to pay his assignees what Thurloe shall certify to be due to him after that proportion, for his arrears to last Michaelmas.

42. The petition of divers well-affected inhabitants of the city and suburbs of Gloucester, with a narrative annexed—that 10,000*l.* worth of forfeited lands in Ireland may be set out to them towards repaying their losses, according to an Act of Parliament recited in the petition—referred to the Committee on Irish affairs, to report.

43.* Sir Henry Vane to be discharged from imprisonment in the Isle of Wight, and allowed to go to his house at Belton, co. Lincoln. With warrant to the governor of the Isle of Wight accordingly. [*I.* 114, *p.* 52.]

44.* Chris. Feake to be set at liberty. With like warrant. [*I.* 114, p. 53.]

45.* John Rogers to be discharged from his imprisonment in the Isle of Wight. With warrant to the governor accordingly. [*I* 114, *p.* 53.]

47. Approval by the Protector of an order of 2 Dec. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 561–571.]

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Dec. 11. Order in Council,—on consideration of the means appointed for bringing in the assessments and disposing of them for the use of the forces, it appearing advisable to pay therewith some of the forces in the counties where the assessment was raised, as they cannot be removed to Guildhall, London, before they are issued forth to the said forces, without manifest prejudice to the forces, and to the affairs of the Commonwealth,—that the Army Committee act, with regard to paying the forces in England, Scotland, and Ireland from the 6 months' assessment from 25 Dec., and to getting in the said assessment as former Committees have acted, and as seems to them meet and convenient for their present payment; and the receivers of the various counties are hereby required to obey their orders for the satisfying of such warrants on the War Treasurers as the Committee shall issue. Also that the receivers-general for the assessments take from the receivers of the counties the warrants they have satisfied in accordance with this order, and give receipts for them as if so much ready money of the said assessments had been paid by them to the Receivers-general of the whole assessment. All sums which the Receivers-general receive from the assessment, either in cash or as above, shall go towards the 360,000*l.* appointed to be paid them as War Treasurers, out of the Exchequer, by his Highness' warrant under Privy Seal of 11 Dec., till the full sum be made up.

Also that John Backwell, junr., and Rich. Deane, when they, as War-treasurers, receive any part of the 6 months' assessment shall, as receivers-general for the whole assessment, take discharge by tallies for the said sums, which tallies shall signify their payment of the sums into the Exchequer in part or in full of the said assessment. The Exchequer officers to observe this order accordingly, any former order, declaration, or matter to the contrary notwithstanding. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 561–571, 943.]

Dec. 11. **29.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. I have received my goods, money, and all the things named in your letter. I have also received your bill, and will discharge it as soon as possible. [*Scrap, French.*]

Dec. 12. Exeter Gaol. **30.** Christ. Turner to Robt. Blackborne. Thanks for the [Admiralty] Commissioners' civil answer. I cannot contradict Mr. Sommers' letter to their honours, having no letters from the other side. There are here at present 18 prisoners, *viz.*, 2 masters, 3 seamen, 12 soldiers, and myself; 8 of the best seamen escaped last month, and 5 more yesterday night, *viz.*, Capt. Ensom, Capt. Codd, Walsh, Williams, and Marks, the surgeon. The few that remain are of little esteem, the major part being poor soldiers.

If the Commissioners will grant an exchange, it will be a great comfort to the prisoners of both sides, and give me liberty to go on parole to Biscay, to set at liberty Wm. Cooke, Thos. Templeman, Chas. Yeo, or John Cutt. If I fail, I will return to the prison at Exeter, on the word of a Christian and a soldier. Last year I procured liberty to Capts. Country and Stafford, on my parole, which I have never broken.

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As long as France is in peace, I am no enemy, as my wife is a native, myself a subject, and my children and all that I have residing in Port Louis. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 13. London. **31.** Hen. Hyrne to [Viscount Conway]. Private business. Payment of moneys. Mr. Finch writes that a friend has got his carabine into his hands. He sends you 2 pairs of tweezers, and my lady an Indian waistcoat. I have received the French news, but my lady desires to see it. I will send you the news book by Rob. Hemming. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 13. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 27 Nov., presented by Jessop. [*I.* 77, *p.* 571.]

Dec. 13. [Edmond's] Bury. **32.** Thos. Barret to [Sec. Thurloe]. Though I am almost useless by my present privacy, yet I am diligent for you. I went to Suffolk to see an acquaintance of the old party, to try if I could sift anything, as it borders on their most eminent coast for designs from abroad, but none have any thought of a plot, but expect what [Charles Stuart] can do by open force.

Lately discontented expressions fell from a Presbyterian M.P. who was not permitted to sit in the House. I think his name is Shuttleworth. He advised a cousin to lay in arms and horses, and be in readiness.

There has been a great private meeting of Presbyterian parsons, and gentlemen, where this M.P. was present, but since the proclamation, all [Charles Stuart's] agents are dispersed, so until that is expired, I shall be unable to serve you.

That you may see how really I deal, I send you part of your doctor's letter, just received, also the enclosed from the old messenger, which I have marked with the true names. I beg instructions from time to time. I will advise you of whatever comes over or stirs among them, and return to service when the proclamation is expired.

P.S.—I send you one of the libels dispersed in the country, which do no great good, nor much harm. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 15. Tynemouth Castle. **33.** Capt. Jo. Topping to the Admiralty Commissioners. I am sorry to give so much trouble about the release of Wm. Clerke, but I am much importuned by his friends, he being in a sad condition. Pray order the release of Brookes, late quarter-master to Capt. Tyssen, who is in the custody of the bailiffs of Scarborough, and I will see that Clerke has his liberty first. There is here a Mrs. Fenwick, widow of Capt. Fenwick, who first kept Tynemouth Castle against Parliament. Upon Sir Thos. Liddell's being appointed governor by the late King, the Earl of Newcastle gave Capt. Fenwick a command in his army, and he was slain in Yorkshire. When the Scots took the Castle, Mrs. Fenwick was turned out, and the profits of the sea lights on the tower, which is 4*d.* for every ship that anchors in the river, were enjoyed by Col. Geo. Fenwick and Capt. Blount, the successive governors, and then came to Mrs. Fenwick again. As she continues as cavalierly and malignant as ever, I am much blamed for continuing to her the profits of the sea lights. I beg your directions therein. [1 *page.*]

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Dec. 16. **34.** Petition of Rich. Parry, gentleman, of Llandedr, co. Denbigh, to the Protector. Living in the quarters of the late King, I was drawn by youth and indiscretion to join his party, and therefore doubt my freedom to practice as clerk or attorney—my only means of subsistence. But laying hold of the indulgence of your late declaration for real converts, I present certificates of my demeanour, and beg leave to exercise my profession. [1 *page*.] *Annexing,*

34. I. *Certificate to his good conduct by Wm. Jones and other ministers, &c., of co. Denbigh.* [1 *page*.]

34. II. *Like certificate by John Carter and* 5 *others.* 2 *Dec.* 1656. [1 *page*.]

Dec. 16. Order thereon in Council allowing him to exercise his profession, the Maj.-General and Commissioners for the peace to permit the same accordingly. Approved 23 Dec. [*I.* 77, *p*, 572.]

Dec. 16. **35.** Petition of William, Earl Marshal of Scotland, to the Protector. There is 90*l.* arrears due to me of the pension of 5*l.* weekly, settled on me from Council's contingencies. You have given other pensioners warrants to be paid from the Exchequer for their greater security, and I beg the same, and also a warrant for my arrears. With reference thereon to Council, 4 Dec. 1656. [3 *pages*.]

Dec. 16. Order thereon in Council to advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners for the arrears due, to be certified by Mr. Frost. [*I.* 77, *p.* 577.]

[Dec. 16.] **36.** Petition of the colonels and other officers of the brigade of foot raised in co. Chester for the late engagement at Worcester, to Maj.-Gen. Lambert. Their case, as to their 2 months' pay for the said engagement, and their arrears for former service, was presented to the Speaker of the last Parliament, by the Protector's letter of 21 Oct. last, and the security intended for the present army requested for the petitioners; but as many of their friends were discontinued from Parliament, nothing was done before the resignation of their power to his Highness, who has since referred the case to his great Council, and the Lord President has ordered the petition to be entered. There are 4 forests reserved in the Act for sale, as security for the army. Also the treasurers of co. Herts are to pay in arrears of the monthly assessment of that county to the Army Treasurers before 10 April next. Beg a hearing of their petition, payment of the 2 months' pay, and their arrears, from the said forests, and from the arrears of the said assessments. [⅔ *page*.] *Annexing,*

36. I. *Report thereon by the Army Committee, to whom the petition was referred by an order from a Committee of Council of* 24 *April* 1654, *that a month's pay for the said brigade amounts to* 609*l.* 4 *May,* 1654. [1 *page*.]

Dec. 16. Order on report by the Committee of Council thereon, to advise his Highness to recommend Parliament, by a letter to Mr. Speaker, to satisfy the petitioners their arrears. [*I.* 77, *p.* 578.] *Annexing,*

37. *Report alluded to, signed by Lambert and Fleetwood.* [⅔ *page*.]

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2. Order—on petition of the inhabitants of Warminster, co. Wilts, shewing that the late Committee for Plundered Ministers allowed 50*l*. a year augmentation to Mr. Woodward, minister of the parish, which the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers have reduced to 20*l*.; also that the parish consists of 600 families, and is a great market town, and that 32*l*. arises from the impropriate rectory there, and the vicarage profit is but 40*l*. a year—that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers settle an additional augmentation of 22*l*. on Rich. Blake, the present minister, payable out of the rectory. Approved 23 Dec.

3. Order—on petition of Ben. Dukes, vicar of South Petherton, co. Somerset, and several certificates, shewing it to be a market town of 300 families, with a lecture appointed to be given every market day weekly, and the vicarage to be worth but 60*l*. a year, whereunto an augmentation of 80*l*. was added for Mr. Bennet, former minister—that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers be advised to settle an augmentation of 30*l*. on Dukes. Approved 23 Dec.

4. Order—on petition of Henry Williams, for himself and other inhabitants of Clirow, co. Radnor, shewing that the minister there, Rich. Swayne, has only 70*l*. a year, though the parish is large and populous—that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers settle an augmentation of 30*l*. a year on him. Approved 23 Dec.

5. The petition of Thos. Horth, for himself and other merchants, owners of the Report, sunk by the Ruby frigate in Jan. 1653–4, referred to Jones, Desborow, Mulgrave, Strickland, and Wolsley, to report.

6. The question whether a Committee should consider a proposal for sending 30,000*l*. to Ireland for the forces out of Spanish prize plate money negatived.

7. Also the question whether 20,000*l*. should be sent into Ireland, out of the said prize money.

8. Sydenham, Lord Deputy, Strickland, Desborow, Jones, and Lisle, to consider how best 20,000*l*. may be raised for Ireland.

9. Order—on report from the Committee on the Admiralty Commissioners' report on provisions for the fleet under Blake—that the said Commissioners be empowered to order 4 months' victuals for 5,580 men. Approved 23 Dec.

12, 13. A report from the Committee on several petitions concerning the late estate of Wm. Toomes, *felo-de-se*, referred to Fiennes, Commissioner Widrington, and Nat. Bacon, to consider the justice of the claims, the reports made, and advise what should be done; all papers to be sent them, and they particularly to consider the writings concerning Toomes' real estate, claimed by the heir-at-law.

14. The 200*l*. ordered on 18 July last to be paid out of Toomes' estate, which was lately in Maj.-Gen. Worsley's hands, to be reserved undisposed of till the referees shall report.

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18. A year's salary having been voted to the executor of Worsley Maj.-General of cos. Lancaster, Chester, and Stafford, Col. Tobias Bridges, now Major General, is to see that 666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* be paid to his widow, Dorothy Worsley, out of the militia money. Approved 23 Dec.

19. Lambert, the Lord Deputy, Lisle, and Desborow, to speak with such of the Council in Scotland as are now in town, concerning several matters this day mentioned as necessary speedily to be provided, in reference to public affairs, and to report.

20. The petition and papers of the Company of Drapers, Tailors, Mercers, Hardwaremen, Coopers, and Chandlers, of Gateshead, co. Durham, for confirmation of their former charter from the late Bishop of Durham, referred to Mr. Beck and the rest of the Committee on Charters, to prepare a draft charter fit to present to his Highness.

21. Any 3 of Council to consider the paper entitled, "A charge against the Master and Wardens of Dulwich College," to send for witnesses, learn the truth herein, and report.

22. Order—on certificate from Dr. Owen and Mr. Caryll, on Rich. Owen's petition, that they find him fit to be referred to the Committee for Approbation of Public Preachers to obtain again liberty to preach—that he be so referred. Approved 23 Dec.

23. Lambert, Lord Deputy, Pickering, Strickland, and Mulgrave, to speak with Sir Tim. Tyrell about Dr. Usher's library, and report what should be done.

24. Order—on certificate of Mr. Bodurda that, according to several orders of Parliament and Council, the records of the Court of Common Bench are removed from the room over the Parliament House into that near Westminster Hall, called the Fish-room, which Embree has fitted with shelves, &c., at a cost of 52*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* —to advise an order that Embree's bill be paid, and pass the Privy Seal gratis.

27. The petition of Hester, widow of Dr. Bethun, for her right to farms, duties, and customs of the King's Barnes' lands in the Sheriffdom of Fife in Scotland, referred to any two of the Council in Scotland now in London, to report.

29. The report concerning the Dutch ship Daniel to be considered on Dec. 18.

30. Council to meet in the afternoon, and the members desired to be present. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 572–578.]

Dec. 16. Whitehall. [President Lawrence] to Maj.-Gen. John Desborow. His Highness and Council hearing that money has been collected for the sufferers by the fire at Marlborough in 1653, and not paid in to the appointed treasurers, we desire you to see it so paid in before Jan. 1, 1656–7, or report the defaulters; we enclose the names of some who are certified to have some such money in their hands in your association.

		£	s.	d.
Devon - -	Thos. Copplestons, constable of the hundred, near Bideford, or else Mr. Heard or John Blagden, that was receiver-general - - -	28	7	6
	Near Tiverton, James Allen of Barnstaple received of Mr. Buckfeild - - -	13	0	0
Cornwall -	Oliver Edwards, in St. Dennis	0	10	0
	Capt. Francis Vyvian, for Liskard - - -	3	14	0
Dorset - -	John Trottle, within 2 miles of Blandford - -	0	13	0

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Dec. 16. Whitehall. Like letter to Maj.-Gen. Berry, the defaulters in his association being—

		£	s.	d.
Salop - -	Anth. Shirley, high constable of Weston, within 4 miles of Shrewsbury - -	1	10	0
Montgomery -	Darby Feller, high constable of Ben Weston, within 2 miles of Welshpool about -	1	17	0

[*I.* 77, *p.* 947.]

Dec. 16. Whitehall. Like letter to Maj.-Gen. Chas. Howard, the defaulters in his association being—

		£	s.	d.
Westmorland -	Thos. Booth, of Deanes-biggin, near Kirby Lonsdale -	2	16	6
	John Thwaite, of Appleby -	6	1	7
Northumberland	Thos. Swann, late churchwarden of St. Nicholas, Newcastle	23	10	0
	Edw. Bembridge, late churchwarden of Allhallows parish, Newcastle - - -	23	10	0
	John Nicholson, Thos. Ewbanks, Robt. Kirkhouse, and Wm. Gibson, churchwardens of St. John's parish, Newcastle, about 6*l.* or 8*l.*			

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Dec. 16. Whitehall. Like letter to Maj.-Gen. Boteler, his defaulters being—

		£	s.	d.
Huntingdon -	Rich. Barber, churchwarden of Allhallows and St. John's parish, Huntingdon, about -	7	0	0
	Chas. Lambe and Thos. Besley, churchwardens there, and Rich. Willows, assistant -	1	15	0

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		£	s.	d.
Berks - -	Mr. Bateman, of Reading, about	100	0	0
Hants - -	Obadiah Fuller, of Penton Crafton - - -	4	13	7

[*I.* 77, *p.* 948.]

Dec. 16. Like letter to Maj.-Gen. Hacker; defaulter—

		£	s.	d.
Oxford - -	Thos. Dennis, of Oxford -	18	0	0

[*I.* 77, *p.* 948.]

Dec. 17. **38.** Petition of Thomas, younger son, and Jane and 4 other daughters of John Penruddock, convict, to the Protector. Having lost our father, we have no subsistence but the charity of a distressed mother, or of an encumbered infant brother, laden with debts. We beg you not to entail the extremity of justice, but to grant us the worth of Hechleton farm, belonging to our father, value 400*l.*, which will be the best part of our portions. With reference, 8 Dec. 1656, to Privy Council. *Endorsed,* "Their father was beheaded for acting in the last treasonable engagement." "My lord Rich, out of charity, desires his name may be offered in behalf of these distressed parties." [1½ *pages.*]

Dec. 17. Order thereon, that the Treasury Commissioners examine what has become of the real estate, what has been received from it, and whether there be any provision for the children, and report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 579.]

Dec. 17. **39.** Petition of Adrian Scrope to the Protector. Having served the late King in the wars, I am liable to the late proclamation should I stay in town. I have no habitation, but have built a house near Lincoln, have lately buried my father, and am engaged in 3 lawsuits, which require my personal attendance, all my counsel being resident in town. I beg an order to remain. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 17. Order allowing him to remain, the late proclamation notwithstanding. [*I.* 77, *p.* 579.]

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40. 2. The 200*l.* ordered 15 Feb. last to Vice-Adm. Badiley for his disbursements for and in his expedition to be over and above his pay.

3. The petition of Elizabeth, Anne, Frances, Mary, and Martha, daughters of Francis Finch, of Rushock, co. Worcester, to be considered on Dec. 23.

5. Order on that of 15 July last, in the case of Mary Spearing, that the clerks of Council cast up the interest, and insert it and the principal into the order, which is to be sealed with the Council's seal. *Annexing,*

41. *Note that the Trustees refuse to admit the former order, because the bill is not named particularly, the interest not set down, and the order not signed and sealed.* [⅓ *page.*]

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41. I. *Note that the bill is in the name of Dorothy Blake, and came to Mr. Spearing by assignation; with calculations of interest, total* 189*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* [3 *pages.*]

7. The report on the petition of Capt. Peter Whitty, citizen of London, shewing his faithful services by sea and land, for which he is in arrear a considerable amount, and that his uncle, Rich. Whitty, was seized in fee of the Manor House of Ballitege and 1,000 acres belonging, whereof, although he is blind, impotent, and 75 years old, he is dispossessed, though he was never in arms—referred to the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland, to grant the petitioner a lease of the said manor house and lands, according to the rules in the commission now to be offered to his Highness, authorizing the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland to let leases of lands in Ireland; and if they find any equity in the petitioner's case, to consider it in the rent, and the Lord Deputy to be written to accordingly. Approved 23 Dec.

9. Order on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners, with an extract of a letter from Capt. Mackey, commander of the Yarmouth frigate, come lately from Bordeaux, with several ships under his charge—relating the hard usage of the English merchants by the Governor of Blay Castle, in extorting several sums from the masters of English ships, besides imprisoning their persons on pretence of their not saluting the Castle, or not doing it in the right place, contrary to the capitulations of the peace—that the extract be delivered to Mr. Secretary, to speak to the French Ambassador about the matter.

10. A report from the Committee on a paper from the Commissioners for managing estates under sequestration, concerning the salaries of themselves and officers from 25 March 1655 to 24 June 1656, and a list of the said Commissioners, their officers and salaries, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to speak with the said Commissioners concerning the time of their actual employment and that of their officers, and see what different consideration in point of time or salary may be had as to any of them, and report.

11. The petition of John Dawes referred to the Maj.-General and Commissioners of co. Surrey, to speak with him about a composition for the extraordinary tax laid on his estate, and report.

12. Next Tuesday Council to consider the extraordinary tax imposed for securing the peace of the Commonwealth.

13. The petition of Andrew, Robert, and John Henley read, and to be considered next Tuesday.

14. The report from Lord Commissioner Widdrington and Maj.-Gen. Charles Howard, on the case of Lady Dorothy Howard and her children, to be considered first at the next meeting of Council. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 579–582.]

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42. Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. Particulars of ships. I will send the 5 prisoners named before by Capt. Rooth; he has brought me here Edw. Cotterell, who entered himself on the Merlin 6 weeks ago, and had a design to surprise the frigate at Flushing, while the Dartmouth took the vessels bound for

Rotterdam; but Capt. Ford having notice, took him and the fellow who had betrayed the matter on to the Dartmouth, where Cotterell was put in irons, and so he still remains. He is an old Cavalier, and an imperious, impudent fellow. What shall I do with him? He is of too malignant a spirit to abide here.

I have sent 2 ships to convoy vessels for the north, and in their return, to annoy the enemy's men-of-war infesting those parts. [1½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

42. I. *Examination of Cornelius Van Leen, master of the Samaritan of Flushing, brought in by Capt. Parker from Dunkirk. While there, 3 prizes were brought in, 2 laden with coals from the northward, and the other with sugar and tobacco from Barbadoes. There is a great ship of* 50 *guns ready to be launched this spring* [*tide*], *and another of* 24 *guns upon the stocks. The Hamburgher hoy with* 200 *Scots arrived at Dunkirk from the Downs* 14 *days since, the Scots having stabbed their captain, and forced the master to carry them thither; they were well entertained there, and* 6 *days since set forward towards Charles S*[*tuart's*] *party at Bruges. That party were so uncivil to the people of the town, that they were told if they were not soon quiet, it would be the worse for them.* [1 *page.*]

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1. John Vaughan to be allowed to exercise his profession as Counsellor-at-Law. Approved 23 Dec.

2. The petition of Thos. Woodford, merchant, referred to any 3 of Council, to report.

4. The company of foot, late of Col. Mill's regiment, now under Maj.-Gen. Thos. Kelsey, consisting of a captain, lieutenant, ensign, 2 serjeants, 3 corporals, 1 drummer, a gentleman of arms, and 80 private soldiers, to be added to the establishment of Dover Castle, and have the same allowance as the company already there, to begin from 15 Sept. 1656; the Army Committee and War Treasurers to act accordingly. Approved 23 Dec.

7. Mr. Bowes' returns concerning arrears to officers and soldiers in Jamaica to be considered 23 Dec.

8. Order on petition of John Rushworth and Wm. Rowe, principal registrars of the Admiralty Court,—praying that the deputy registrar, who received the profits of the office from March to August 1654, may be ordered to pay the same to them, they bearing the charge of execution, in case his Highness think fit to allow the same—that the petitioners represent to Council what the total receipts in that interval amount to, for which purpose the deputy registrar is to give them an account of the moneys so received by him, that further order may be taken.

9. Order on a report by Lord Com. Widdrington and Major Chas. Howard, who were to consider how the 1,053*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ordered 21 Nov. to Lady Dorothy Howard and her eight children should be settled—that the levying this sum on Phil. Purefoy be forborne, and the moiety already paid be taken in full of purchase money

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for the lands of the late Sir Chas. Howard, and that Purefoy have reconveyed to him the lands settled for payment of the second half; and he is to lease the estate to Widdrington and Major Howard and 2 others in trust to secure the money, the lease to be void when the sum, with interest at 6 per cent., is paid and distributed to the 8 children, beginning from the eldest, interest to be paid to each of them half-yearly until they receive their principal. Approved 23 Dec. [*I.* 75, *p.* 582–4.]

Dec. 19. Exeter Gaol. **43.** Chris. Turner to Rob. Blackborne. I have heard from Biscay that Mr. Sommers escaped three days before my letter and the copy of the order arrived, and 3 months before those on the other side promised Sommers he should be liberated in exchange for me. He sent the promise to London to his wife, and by her soliciting, the Admiralty Commissioners ordered the exchange, it being agreed upon on both sides; there being no irregularity on my part, I think the Commissioners should order my liberty. Sommers would in 3 days have been set at liberty by exchange, and thus saved expense. I crave justice and performance of the Commissioners' order. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 19. Levant Company to Spencer Bretton, consul at Smyrna. We are sorry for the tartness of yours of 29 Sept., which being so peremptory, and you seeming so indifferent whether you continue there or not, unless on your own terms, the Court was much inclined to ease you, but for the interposition of those who stood bound for you, and who have renewed their engagement for your conformity with us, according to the former agreement. We refer you to the enclosed general letter, praying you to see the particulars executed, especially the despatch away of Mr. Lawrence, the prohibition to lade fruit and corn, or allow any licence for doing so, and a more exact collection of our own and strangers' consulage; the want thereof causes you not to be supplied with money to defray your occasions. We enclose a list of the company's debtors and creditors. [*Levant Papers, Vol IV., p.* 279.]

Dec. 19. London. Levant Company to Edm. Farington. By a letter you sent our governor, we perceive your careful intentions for supply of our Treasurer's office [at Smyrna], although you are prevented by several discouragements, the redress whereof we have seriously recommended to the consul, yourself, and the whole nation, who we hope will be reduced to a better conformity in payment of consulage. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 280.]

Dec. 19. London. Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish. We thank you for your care in the release of the Hopeful employment, which was so long detained in the Castles; we presume it to be at the charge of those interested, and we are glad you find the vizier and other officers so civil to you. But we are much troubled that Mr. Lawrence, who has remained there so long at our charge, for want of a call from the State, should, after he has received it, be put upon a longer stay for want of his pay, notwithstanding our express order to the Treasurer at Smyrna and intimation to you. We hope the matter is settled ere now, that we may be able to give a good account thereof to his Highness; but if not, we pray you quickly satisfy the 155 dollars due, and see that he gives the Treasurer at Constantinople such vests as he formerly provided on our account, and receives for them 400 dollars, rather than cause further delay. In case of further demand by reason of his longer stay, satisfy him according to his Highness' letter in his hands, but on the easiest possible terms, and with a discharge from him on behalf of the company.

On hearing from Smyrna that the Prosperous is laden with several tons of fruit, which, as a prohibited commodity, may expose us to great danger, we have resolved totally to prohibit the lading of fruit, cute, and corn, and desire you to see that no licences are granted for lading such, and to hinder any attempting a practice so dangerous to the trade.

We desire you to continue your endeavours for the release of Geo. Davis, so long a captive with the Grand Seignor, whose friends here frequently solicit us.

Hen. Page having disbursed 1,500 dollars there on the Company's occasions, which, with interest amounting in all to 1,740, he now demands as his due, we desire you to have his account proved in Mr. Gough's books, and let us know whether he be a creditor or not, and if he has not had the money allowed in some other way. It is brought to our credit in 1646, and we wonder that we have heard nothing of it in so many years. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 280–1.]

Dec. 19. London. Levant Company to Rich. Lawrence, Constantinople. We are sorry to hear, by yours of Sep. 23, that our letter to Smyrna about your affairs was so little regarded, and hope that by now the matter is settled, and you are returning homewards; yet to prevent the worst, we have expressed both to Smyrna and Constantinople our sense of their disesteem, not only of our own, but of his Highness' interest, with positive order for your speedy satisfaction, it being much against our will that you are detained, and little to their credit who are cause thereof. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 281.]

Dec. 19. London. Levant Company to the consul, treasurer, and factory at Smyrna. Rich. Lawrence having so long remained there at our charge, we were confident there would be no obstacle to his removal, on receipt of his Highness' letter of revocation, and our positive order for satisfaction of his dues, sent both to his Lordship at Constantinople, and to the treasurer at Smyrna. Your lack of compliance troubles us, not only on account of the further charge we fear we shall undergo, but in respect of his Highness' interest and distaste, which will reflect discredit upon us; for it is well known the English in Turkey have often adventured to raise sums of money on slighter and less occasions. Therefore if the business be not fully determined, and payment made before arrival hereof, we expressly order you speedily to settle his account, either by loan made on goods in the country, or in some other way as you can best contrive. But see that he is fully satisfied of all claims on us, and take his discharge.

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Although in this special case we allow you to raise money as above suggested, we cannot doubt but it might have been satisfied out of our usual duties, had they been properly collected. We hear of several ways used for defrauding us therein, not only by the masters' short entries and their giving in false and late manifests, to avoid payment of consulage, but by like evasions of sundry of the factory, and by omitting the former custom of strangers' lading and unlading at the treasurer's scale. If this is the course usually practised, it is no wonder we are at a loss for our ordinary charge.

We press you to more conscientious observance of our orders and of the interest of that trade, and to compliance in payment of our duties, and do not force us to use unkind means to obtain them. We have ordered the treasurer to send home the consulage of every ship apart, expressing the particular factor's name, and for whose account the same is paid, whereby it will appear who are behind in payment.

Complaint has been made of a great quantity of fruit laden on the Prosperous by some surreptitious licence procured by the master or others. As it is a forbidden commodity, and we, by former experience, are fearful of such disasters as may consequently ensue, we publicly disown any such attempt, and forbid the lading of fruit, or the grant of licence to do it, which we desire you to observe, as a small parcel of fruit, cute, or corn may endanger the whole lading of a ship. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 282–3.]

Dec. $\frac{19}{29}$. Tours. **44.** Edw. Norris to Williamson, Saumur. I have been 6 days from Blois, and have seen Tours and Richelieu, and have been very civilly treated by an Englishman. I am sorry to see one so much changed, having lost half a finger. To-morrow I return to Blois. [¾ *page.*]

[Dec. 20.] **45.** Petition of well affected persons in and about London and Westminster to the Protector. From tenderness to the cause of spiritual and civil liberty, concerned in some late proceedings of Parliament, we have petitioned them to remit the remaining punishment of Jas. Nayler; and considering your interest with Parliament, we address you, that you will be pleased, according to former declarations, and our experience of your interest in liberty and conscience, to weigh the consequence of these late proceedings, and according to the 37th article of the instrument of government, and on the ground you declare upon in your war with Spain, to stand up for the poor people of God. 87 signatures. [1¼ *sheets.*] *Annexing,*

45. I. *Petition of the same to Parliament. Your clemency in respiting Nayler's punishment has refreshed the hearts of thousands, and opened their hearts to behold something besides the terror of Mount Sinai, and gives us hopes to see you come forth yet more in the spirit of Jesus. We beg you to remit the rest of his punishment, leaving him to the Lord and gospel remedies.* [1 *page, copy. See Commons' Journals, Vol. VII., p.* 471.]

Dec. 20. The Essex, Downs. Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Mermaid has returned, having been to Dieppe, and landed Mr. Moreland at Rye. I have appointed her and the Cheriton to ply upon the coast of Flanders, and endeavour to surprise and destroy the enemies' vessels; but if nothing presents, then to cruise towards Ostend Roads, for I have had notice, by a great Flemish flyboat laden with salt, that was taken and brought in by the Eagle of Calais, of 10 more bound thither with that commodity. The Adventure and Red Horse have come in with several vessels richly laden, bound for the Thames. I ordered the Acadia to take charge of them, as also of 3 Swedish vessels with masts for the State, one of which is bound for Chatham.

Capt. Nixon, hearing of a man-of-war riding off St. Valery de Somme with his prize, went ahead of the Adventure and the convoys, and coming up, prepared to board him, but he shot down Nixon's main-yard, and so escaped amongst the sands, it being night. The prize, which was only a stone boat, and had everything valuable taken out of her, was carried by one of the convoys to Caen, not being worth bringing over. Capt. Nixon says that when about to board, his carpenter ran down into the hold; as he is a very lewd and debased fellow, Stephen File, his mate, is more fit for his place, and John Hills of the Essex for the place of gunner's mate.

I have appointed Capt. Plumleigh and some other ships to fetch some homeward-bound vessels from Caen. A Hamburg hoy also came in with above 200 Scots on board, bound for France; Capt. Parker understands by the packet boat at Dover that they went for Dunkirk, but whether by the knavery of the master, or the rebellion of the Scots, is not known; the merchants at Dieppe however made enquiry of Capt. Foot for such a vessel. If any more Scots are designed for France, they should either be transported in English vessels, or the master that carries them over enjoined not to go without convoy, so that C. S[tuart's] party may not be encouraged with strength that way. [2 *pages.*]

[Dec. 23.] **47.** Hen. Milles, mayor of Bridgwater, to John Lord Desborow, General of the West, and M.P. Your ready assistance encourages me to represent our cases, we having no help towards repairing 120 dwelling houses consumed in the late war. We beg your order for some stones undisposed of, belonging to the late garrison,—*viz.*, a small sconce at the foot of the bridge, and a wall near the castle, 50 feet long and 5 or 6 high,—towards the rebuilding of our almshouses, which were utterly demolished; many poor shall bless you for them. Bridgewater, 16 Dec. 1656. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 23. Order thereon in Council that the mayor and aldermen may take down and carry away the said stones for repairing the almshouses, without payment. [*I.* 77, *p.* 587.]

Dec. 23. **48.** Petition of Hen. Hoogan, receiver-general for cos. Norfolk, Suffolk, Hunts, and Cambridge, and Nich. Salter, his deputy, to the Protector and Council. Considering our great pains and charge, for encouragement, you allowed Hoogan 12*d.* in the pound, which on

Auditor Broad's certificate of receipts of 5,600*l.* a year, would have been 280*l.*, but he did not mention annuities, quit rents, and rents discharged, which bring it to 3,591*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*, so that 22*d.* in the pound for 300*l.* a year would not be worth more than was intended. We beg consideration of our charges and an extra allowance. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

48. I. *Statement by Auditor Hen. Broad, that the clear revenue of the counties, deducting 2,005l. for annuities, &c., is 3,591l. 13s. 0d.* [¾ *page.*]

48. II. *Form of the order requested.* [1 *page.*]

Dec. 23. Reference thereon to Skippon, Desborow, Lambert, Rous, Sydenham, and Lisle, to report. [*I.* 77., *p.* 590.]

Dec. 23. **49.** Petition of the mayor and burgesses of Marlborough, co. Wilts, to the Protector. Our borough is ancient and has enjoyed divers privileges, but in 1642, being in arms for Parliament, we were besieged and plundered by the late King's party, lost our goods and estates, many of us were imprisoned, and our charter was taken away. We beg its renewal, with further acts of grace for our better government. [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. 23. Reference thereon by Council to Mr. Beck, and the rest of the Committee on Charters, to consider the former charter, and the alterations to be made, and prepare a draft for Council. [*I.* 77, *p.* 591.]

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(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1. Approval by the Protector of 45 orders, 16 Sept. to 18 Dec.; with note of one respited, and another suspended.

3. The petition and paper of Rob. Mason referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to learn the case, and report.

4.* Approval of an additional augmentation by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 30*l.*, besides 20*l.* granted before, to Wm. Sparrow, minister of Halstead, Essex.

5. The order of Dec. 3, for an augmentation to Mr. Mather, minister of Barnstaple, of 100*l.*, to be expressed as settled on him, instead of continued to him.

6. The order of 20 Nov., giving Mr. Vernon, now prisoner in the Tower, liberty to go into the country on security, reversed and vacated.

7. Order on report of the Committee on Waltham Forest—that there has been great destruction of wood and timber there—to advise a commission to some gentlemen of quality thereabouts to be wardens of the forest, and preserve the wood and timber. *Annexing,*

50. *Report alluded to, signed by Mulgrave, Wolsley, and Desborow.* [⅔ *page.*]

8. In case application be made on behalf of the gift of God, of St. Malo, the clerks of Council are to be remembrancers of a paper

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now delivered by Desborow, containing several extracts out of the papers therein found.

51. 9*. A paper from the Prize Goods' Commissioners,—representing that the galleon Jesu-Maria-Joseph, and the ship Elias, lately taken from the Spaniards, are in danger of being spoiled by lying at Portsmouth in a leaky condition, and that they are valued together at 440*l.*,—referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to sell the ships, or do what may be best.

11. To advise his Highness to renew the commission to the Council in Scotland, to make 3 a quorum, and to have a quorum sent down forthwith.

12*. The Admiralty Commissioners to certify quickly what Commonwealth ships are now in the Channel, or employed to guard the coasts of England, Scotland, or Ireland, and in what stations; what ships are in port, what is needed to fit them up, and how long it will take to fit them.

13. The petition of Francis Willoughby,—for payment of 1,622*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.* due to his father, Col. Willoughby, at the time of his death, for hire of ships to guard the Thames during the insurrection in Kent and Essex, and of 2,450*l.* due for freight of shipping since 1644—referred to Desborow, Strickland, Sydenham, Mulgrave, Jones, and Skippon, to state his demand for the first sum, enquire of the Admiralty Commissioners concerning the second, and report, with their opinion how best he may be satisfied.

His Highness withdrew.

15. On Lambert's report from the Committee to speak with Col. Ralph Weldon about stating his account for disbursements and undertakings in disbanding foot and horse in Plymouth garrison in 1647, more fully set forth in Council's order of Dec. 3, —that they caused his account to be examined, and found a balance of 3,300*l.* due to him,—order to advise payment thereof out of the arrear assessments of the City of London.

16. Order that Strickland, Mulgrave, Desborow, Sydenham, and Skippon consider proposals made to-day, about a warrant to authorize Mr. Hollis and Mr. Pye to search for prohibited goods imported, and for goods intended to be exported contrary to law; also a certificate from the Customs' Commissioners concerning importing goods and exporting money in Dutch men-of-war coming into the river, who refuse to be searched, whereby the revenue is impaired, and to report.

17. Approval of the continuance to the minister of North Ferriby, co. York, of an augmentation of 30*l.*, granted by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to Jas. Roberts, minister, since deceased. Approved 1 Jan.

52. 19. Order on report from the Committee on John Hopkins' petition, for payment of his salary as doorkeeper to the Trustees for Forfeited Estates at Drury House, that as they certify that he has served diligently, and that 75*l.* is due to him as salary for 3¾ years ending in April last, the Trustees issue their warrants to the treasurers of money arising on sale of lands to pay Hopkins accordingly. Approved 8 Jan.

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20. Approval of an augmentation by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 80*l.*, beside 90*l.* granted before, to Wm. Speed, who has succeeded John Corbett as minister of Chichester, Sussex. Approved 25 Dec.

21. The petition of Henry Twyford, Thos. Dring, and John Place, stationers, referred to Desborow, Lambert, Sydenham, and Wolsley, to speak with Mr. Scobell, state the case, and report.

23. The petition of John Boatman, pastor of the congregation of Peter's of Mancroft, Norwich, and the whole business concerning him referred to Maj.-Gen. Hezekiah Haynes, and the Commissioners and Ministers for ejecting scandalous Ministers for co. Norfolk, to examine the matters alleged against the petitioner, and report.

24. Order on desire of Lord Nieuport, ambassador from the United Provinces, that Jacob van Lewen of Amsterdam, now a prisoner at Chelsea College, be released, and allowed to return home. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 586–591.]

Dec. 23. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Gen. Monk, Commander-in-Chief of the forces in Scotland. We have considered the condition of Elizabeth, wife of William, late Duke of Hamilton, and of her 4 daughters, Anne, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Mary, and finding that the Kenneel lands in Scotland, settled on her for her jointure, and on her children after her death, were set out to you by Parliament for a donative, and the interest therein transferred by you, and now vested in Mr. Bilton, we desire you to have 5,000*l.*, part of the fine to be paid by confiscated persons in Scotland, paid to you, or to the persons interested in the donative, for redemption thereof. If this proposition be refused, the said 5,000*l.* shall be deposited in safe hands for 2 months, during which time the said duchess and others concerned may dispose of it, and use all means in their power to redeem the estate; and if some concerned refuse to act within the 2 months, then the others concerned may, at the end of 2 months, act without them.

We also desire you to use your influence towards persuading Mr. Bilton, and others concerned, to accept compensation, and allow the Duchess to redeem the estate. [*I.* 77, *p.* 950–1.]

Dec. 23. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the President and Council in Scotland. To the same effect as the preceding. In case the 5,000*l.* and the propositions are accepted, liberty is to be given by common consent for a sale to be made of such part of the donative as will make good the propositions for redemption, which being a matter of great concern to the Duchess and her children, and others concerned, you are desired to accommodate the business between the parties, and if it take effect, to see that the remainder of the estate be disposed of to the best advantage of the Duchess and her children, or of those to whom, by the laws of Scotland, it belongs in reversion. In case there cannot be an accommodation, you are to see that the 5,000*l.* be secured to the best advantage of the Duchess and her children. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 951–2.]

Dec. 24. **53.** Petition of Katherine, widow of Col. Thos. Cholmley, to the Protector. In 1644 and 1645 my husband was plundered of 1,000*l.* personal estate by the late King's party at Carlisle, and had several houses burned and plucked down. To reduce the city, he raised a troop of horse and regiment of foot, for which 1,521*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* is due to him. In 1648 he was again plnndered and made prisoner, till you regained the city from the Scots, when you promised him reparation. He has died and left me with 4 small children, and many debts, and when I came to London last winter to supplicate you for relief, I was arrested by one of my husband's creditors for a 300*l.* debt, and am still detained.

My husband being collector of customs at Carlisle, owed 56*l.*, and for this the Commissioners of Customs have extended the little land he had left. I beg that it may be deducted from his arrears; that I may be allowed in part of the arrears a rent of 29*l.* yet unsold, on Little Sunkeld Manor, Cumberland, and that the remainder may be charged on the forest lands, or otherwise secured. [⅔ *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

53. I. *Certificate to the truth of Col. Cholmley's services, and recommendation of the widow, by Maj.-Gen. Chas. Howard, Wm. Brisco, and* 3 *other justices of peace of Cumberland.* 16 *Oct.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

53. II. *Certificate of the county commissioners of Cumberland to the accounts of Col. Thos. Cholmley for services and expenses in* 1644 *and* 1645; *balance due,* 1,521*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *Signed by Sir Wilfrid Lawson and* 5 *others. Endorsed,*

"*If thou wilt not deceived be,*
"*A bald pate's conversation flee.*
"*Rich. Graham, Rich. Cromwell.*" [1 *sheet.*]

Dec. 24. Reference on her petition, &c., by Council to Lambert, Strickland, Pickering, Desborow, Mulgrave, and Sydenham; Strickland and Pickering to speak with Maj.-Gen. Howard and Mr. Brisco to-morrow. [*I.* 77, *p.* 593.]

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(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1*. Order on a paper entitled "The information of Robt. Hicks, of Broad Windsor, co. Dorset, seaman," that a copy thereof be sent to the commissioners of the county, who are to examine into the truth of the matter of fact and report, and meanwhile to seize Robt. Hicks, of Aberstoke, if they see cause.

2*. Order on a paper from the Admiralty Commissioners, containing the names of 6 ships specified, fit to be sent southward, that the Admiralty Commissioners send them away to Gen. Blake's fleet as quickly as possible.

3. To advise an order to Gen. Blake, on the arrival of the above ships, to send home 6 of the ships he has with him, if he can spare them.

4. Order on petition of John Blarru, late deputy of Bordeaux—shewing his sufferings, and praying liberty to import from Bayonne

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500 or 600 bales or packs of Spanish wool, paying the usual duties —to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Blarru a pension of 1*l.* a week till further order; and Lambert, Pickering, the Lord Deputy, Desborow, and Sydenham, to consider the petitioner's desire, and report.

6. The petition of John Fowkes, alderman of London, read, but no order passed thereon.

7. Order on a printed paper subscribed with the names of divers gentlemen of Ireland, and of some justices of peace for Middlesex and Surrey—recommending for charity, as a great sufferer in Ireland,—for whom a collection was lately made at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields—that Mr. Scobell speak with some of the people whose names are down, and report if they own to have subscribed the same.

8. Jessop to examine an account for 230*l.* 3*s.* 11½*d.* now offered to Council as Maj.-Gen. Kelsey's disbursements in coach hire, &c., in travelling with other gentlemen to Portsmouth, and bringing up the plate to London, to compare with the bills and report. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 592–4.] *Annexing,*

54. *Account alluded to, with Jessop's report, certifying its accuracy.* 27 *Dec.* 1656. [3 *pages.*]

Dec. 25. **55.** Petition of Mat. Martin, of Oxford, to the Protector. I was paymaster to the train of artillery till reduced in 1647, so that I am among those to whom the security of Parliament was given for their arrears; but being far from Westminster and busy, I could not attend to get my arrears into bonds, which I cannot now obtain without your special order, and which I therefore request. [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. 25. Order thereon in Council that—as a debenture for 58*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* was given him 21 Feb. 1647–8 by the Army Committee, on the account stated by the Treasurers-at-war, according to the Ordinance of Parliament, the Trustees for sale of the late King's lands put his debentures into bond, that security may be applied thereto, as to other like debentures. Approved 17 Jan. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 594, 604.]

Dec. 25. **56.** Petition of Anne, wife of Major Geo. Walters to the Protector and Council, for the enlargement of her husband, that he may provide for his family, who are in great want. He is under restraint on an account of freight for ships contracted for in Ireland to carry soldiers to Spain. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 25. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the mayor of Coventry, Lieut.-Col. Willington, and the rest of the justices of peace near Coventry. We hear that Major Walters, being on his way to Ireland, was lately arrested at Aulsley, near Coventry, in the night, by a constable and soldiers, who broke into his room, on a warrant of the Court of Admiralty, at suit of Thos. Skinner. It is supposed to be for freight of Irish to Spain, by order from the Commissioners in Ireland. The King of Spain's failure to make good his contract has almost ruined the major, who was arrested thereon before, but denied a copy of the warrant. We desire you to examine the cause of his detention, and if you can, to release him to go to Ireland, to accomplish orders issued in his behalf to the Lord Deputy and Council there; or if not, to certify. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 594, 952.]

Dec. 25. **57.** Petition of Anne, widow of Lieut.-Col. Blunt, to the Protector, for a pension for relief of herself and family. Her husband weakened his estate by serving his country before he went into the army. At Inverness, by hard service and change of air, he contracted a distemper, of which he died, leaving her and 5 children in a low condition. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 25. Order on report that 20*s.* a week be allowed her, and that the Treasury Commissioners consider how she may be provided for by lands in Ireland, and report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 595.] *Annexing,*

58. *Report of the Committee to whom the petition was referred, that 20s. a week should be allowed her till other provision is made for her.* [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. 25. **59.** Petition of Thos. Writer, tanner and maltster of Worcester, to Council. On the order of 18 April last, I caused discoveries to be entered at Worcester House, and certified them to the Treasury Commissioners and to you. Not having discoveries of my own, I was obliged to treat with others, who will not furnish their discoveries without allowance of ⅕, as granted to them by the patent, so that, after my labour and charge, I can only have 1,200*l.* I beg an order to the Treasury to pay the discoverer out of the other moiety of the monies, so that I may receive the 2,000*l.* ordered, without defalcation. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 25. Note of its being read in Council, but no order made other than the former order confirmed. [*I.* 77, *p.* 596.]

Dec. 25. **60.** Petition of Major Wm. Hill, of Guildford, to the Protector. From the beginning of the wars to the finishing of the great business at Worcester, I served with my best affection, as captain and major, and was in actual service from 18 Nov. 1642 to 1 Jan. 1647–8, for which 1,100*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* is due to me, as appears by my account, stated by the Commissioners for the Monthly Assessments and disbanding supernumeraries.

I have long waited, but had no benefit of the securities intended by the Ordinance of 24 Dec. 1647, as other supernumeraries have, because my account was not bonded within the time limited, for I was ignorant thereof, being in actual service in 1648 and 1649, and to the end of the expedition at Worcester against the King of Scots.

To support myself, wife, and 13 children, I beg an order to the Worcester House Committee to put my debentures into bonds, that I may have the like security with the army, and to the Army Committee, to transmit my debentures. With reference to Council, 18 Nov. 1656. [1 *sheet.*]

1656. Dec. 25. Order thereon in Council that the Army Committee register his debentures, and transmit them to the Trustees, who are to put them into a bond, that they may be fixed on a security, as other supernumeraries' bonds. Approved 1 Jan. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 599–611.]

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3. Sydenham and Strickland to enquire concerning Mr. Lewes, and give Council an account thereof.

5. Order on the petition of Elizabeth, Countess of Dirleton, that for the recovery of her health, she have liberty to be at her own house as desired, and that Edw. Dendy, serjeant-at-arms, permit it accordingly.

6. Col. Scroope, Mr. Swinton, and Maj.-Gen. Howard, members of his Highness' Council in Scotland, to repair to Scotland to attend their charges there at the first opportunity.

8. The petition and report in the case of Abr. Johnson, to be considered next sitting.

13. John Garnett, schoolmaster of Leeds, having attended Council on summons, order on his petition and certificates, that he be allowed to return home, and that his security given to the major-general and county commissioners of Yorkshire, for attending Council, be returned to him.

14. The report concerning the charter for Chipping Wycombe to be considered next sitting of Council.

15. Lambert, Sydenham, Desborow, and the Lord Deputy, to speak with Maj.-Gen. Chas. Howard about arrears to the militia troops and civil officers in the counties under his charge, and to report.

16. The petition of Capt. John Nary concerning 280*l.* alleged to have been disbursed by him for pay of non-commissioned officers and soldiers of his late troop of dragoons, referred to any 3 of Council, to learn the truth, and report.

19. The report on James Freer's case to be considered next Tuesday.

20. Capt. Wm. Rhodes' petition to be considered at the next sitting of Council.

25. To advise a warrant to pay 2,000*l.* on account to Fras. Hodges, treasurer for the Jamaica forces, for a month's pay with arrears, to the officers and soldiers employed in the American expedition.

26. Whereas the 2 men were reduced from each troop of the regiments in England to complete his Highness' life-guard, but none taken from Col. Winthrop's regiment, because it was then in Scotland, so that since his return to England, though he has 50 men in a troop, he can only get pay for 48;—order that Col. Hacker, whose regiment was reduced by the 12 men, and who is now in Scotland, take the 12 men, 2 from each troop of Col. Winthrop's regiment, and have them mustered and paid in Scotland from 13 Oct. last. Approved 8 Jan.

27. To prepare an order at Council's next sitting, to the purport of what was now offered concerning Trustees for confiscated estates in Scotland.

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28. The Army Committee to transmit duplicates of all debentures in their custody belonging to officers and soldiers in the annexed list, *viz.*, 360, beginning with Rich. Heywood and ending with John Dawson, to the Trustees at Worcester House for sale of King's lands, and they also to receive the rest of the debentures in the annexed list, not formerly in their custody, and transmit them to the said Trustees, to put the said debentures into bonds according to order of 4 Sept. 1656. Approved 1 Jan.

29. Approval by the Protector of an order of 23 Dec.

30. An order to be prepared against the next sitting of Council for a letter to Gen. Monk, to cause the Exchequer in Scotland to be opened, so that there may be a convenient time to expose writings to public view, according to the custom of that Court.

Dec. 25. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Company at Hamburg. His Highness and Council, having heard several complaints against Francis Townley, a member of your society, of affronts, &c., offered to his Highness' resident there, summoned him to attend Council here, to answer these charges; and as after attending Council several times he departed to Hamburg without leave, the resident secured him on his arrival, till his Highness' pleasure should be known. His Highness and Council, much resenting his contemptuous departure, ordered his return by the next ship, which order Townley evaded or refused to obey; they therefore now order the resident to send him in custody, by sea or land, to answer the charges and his contempt, and require you to give your assistance to the resident in this matter. You enjoy so many advantages under his Highness protection that you should be tender of the honour of his public Minister. [*I.* 77, *p.* 596.]

Dec. 25. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Lord President and Council in Scotland. His Highness and Council having considered the petition of the creditors of confiscated persons in Scotland, have passed the enclosed order, and desire you to assemble the persons concerned, and see the order executed. [*I.* 77, *p.* 940.]

Dec. 25. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the governor of Sandown Castle. His Highness and Council having ordered the removal of the Earl of Crawford and Lindsey from Sandown Castle to Windsor, and resolved to give him leave to come without a guard, upon his parole to render himself up prisoner to the governor of Windsor Castle within 6 days, we desire you to receive his parole, and dismiss him accordingly. [*I.* 77, *p.* 953.]

Dec. 26. **61.** Order by the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal. His Highness having granted Rob. Villiers a patent to assume the name and arms of the Danvers family, and Lady Danvers having complained of great prejudice to the family thereby, he wishes to examine and determine the case. We therefore appoint a hearing of both parties in the Court of Wards Chamber on 23 Jan. next, when the Solicitor General, and Garter, Clarencieux, and Norroy, kings-at-arms, are desired to be present. [1 *page.*]

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62. Rich. Lowther to Williamson. I find you have informed Mr. Northleigh of my close departure, though you advised me not to do. It might well have been spared, and engenders great harm. I hope you will return the balance of the 30*l.* sent, which should be 20*l.*, as I have few arrears due to you. Those for tennis and my landlady I hope to pay in 3 weeks. As you have told Northleigh of the tennis, pay something to the marker of the tennis court.

The past I shall bury in oblivion, but I have heard from friends every word that you have written to my father, which is not what I should have thought; I hope you will lay by past oversights, and send me, with other things, something worthy my father's acceptance, which I may send him next term. I am going into chambers at the Temple. Do not make me incur my father's displeasure further. You know what lies upon it, which is no slight business.

P.S.—Tell me your intentions in travel. I should have taken leave of Mr. Calander, but he was in bed. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

62. I. *List of 5 books and a few clothes. Noted* [*by Williamson*] *Mr. Lowther's notes of books.* [½ *page.*]

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London.

63. Jeffery Northleigh to Williamson. You heard 8 days since of Rich. Lowther's return. The bill of 30*l.* was payable to him to defray the charges of his return, and 120*l.* was made good to you, according to promise. I have showed Richard your letter, but he acknowledges but small arrears. Send particulars. Your disbursement for him should be repaid. [⅔ *page.*]

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64. Edw. Norris to his father, Williamson, Saumur. Your letter was hardly arrived before I presented it to Mr. Norris, who regrets being so near a happiness without embracing it. He says that he maintained that Saumur was the nearest way from Rochelle to Tours, and would have tried it, but his companions said it would be uncivil, and so he cannot welcome his father. [1 *page, French.*]

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65–67. Petition of the inhabitants of Plympton Mary parish, co. Devon, to the Protector. Our tithes were leased by Windsor College to Art. Perryman for 74*l.* rent, which for 2 years was granted by the Long Parliament to our minister, but the Revenue Committee stopped this, Parliament was dissolved before further application, and the rents were gathered by a receiver, till your Ordinance constituting the governors [of the almshouses] of Windsor [Castle], who have received the whole tithes, being 200*l.*, since 25 March 1655, when the lease expired, but have given no allowance to a minister. We beg 100*l.* therefrom for him. 12 signatures. With reference to Scobell, Jessop, and Nye, and their report that the rectory and tithes were vested in the governors to maintain the almshouses; the revenue being then 1,186*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.*, of which 1,086*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* is to be for charitable uses; that 200*l.* above the 1,086*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.* was ordered to be paid to the Commissioners for approval of Preachers, and that now some leases having fallen in, and the rents being thereby raised, there will be enough to pay that 200*l.* and 100*l.* to the minister of Plympton Mary. [3 *papers, the report being in* 2 *copies.*]

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68. Petition of Lieut. Rob. Yardley to the Admiralty Commissioners. My grandfather and father have for 50 years held Chatham rectory,

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including a stable, 2 barns, and a yard with buildings, by leases from the Dean and Chapter of Rochester, the last of which, for 21 years, was dated 10 Jan. 1639. The stable and barn being useful for the State, the Navy Commissioners have had it at a rent of 13*s.* 4*d.*; but when of late I wished to take them back, the Navy Commissioners refused them, and I am unwilling to contend for them. I beg you to have the case examined, and relieve me according to justice. [1 *page.*]

Dec. ? **69.** Petition of Col. Wm. Borthwick, prisoner at Bruges, to the King. As an unjust judge hears after much importunity, surely the justest of all mortals will at last notice me; 8 months ago, being ill, I wrote to Lord Newburgh, begging a divine, a physician, and the benefit of justice to clear myself from calumny, but I have had no answer, and Fox will not pay my keeper a few shillings advanced for medicine. My comfort is that you have not known my condition.

I served 7 years under your father at my own cost. I voyaged between Scotland and Ireland in 1648, to advance the Duke of Hamilton's engagements, and when 700,000*l.* sterling was due to that army, I brought 6 troops of horse over in sight of the Parliamentary ships, which took a son of Sir Wm. Stewart, and it cost him his life.

The Parliament offered a large sum to that army, and had I been remiss, I could have got 5,000*l.* paid in Edinburgh. In the fines laid on malignants, mine was twice as much as the Earl of Rothes', and 3 times as the Earl of Kelly's, and I have since been fined and forced to lend monies, or be undone with quarterings upon me. I gave 300*l.* when your forces were in danger of breaking at Stirling, and Duke Hamilton said no colonel in the army would do the like. I had losses at Worcester, at Dundee, &c. I never took moneys in place of bringing levies; my regiment was the largest and best fitted, nor did I ever fail in any trust.

I know not what is laid against me, but 2 years since my Lord Chancellor questioned me on some information of an infamous fellow, utterly untrue.

In reward of my fidelity, I am perishing for want of necessaries. I have not in 3 years changed my clothes, nor had a fire in winter, which the smallest person in the gaol has, except myself; and the limbs that have carried me many a mile on your service are numbed, having been long barefooted, and long a beggar, a trade I never dreamed to make use of.

May not my blood prove heavy if I perish in a small room in a miserable gaol, where I have neither air nor society? If it be for my last unfortunate journey, all I had to do was only concealing 2 persons. I could not have gained 10*l.* had I told all I knew of your affairs; I should have waited to make a better bargain before I parted with my honour. I will yield to none in fidelity to you. [2 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

69. I. *Questions for Col. Borthwick's examination:—*

1. *When did you come into Scotland, and where did you land, with what pass, and how obtained?*

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2. *Whom did you tell that you came from the King with his letters and commissions, or were sent by the Earl of Glencairn?*
3. *Where did you leave your letters and commissions, and who knew where they were?*
4. *Did your brother, the Major, know this, and did you know Col. Blatake or Capt. Phipps?*
5. *Were you in their company after you knew the letters and commissions were taken, and how did you know it?*
6. *Did you often come to Blatake's chamber when he kept himself secret, and his father in a room apart?*
7. *When you were advised to beware of Phipps, did you say that he was a Cavalier at heart?*
8. *Did you say that Monk was no enemy to the King, and would give him better conditions than Cromwell?*
9. *Had you an anonymous letter, asking you to write the word Parrall over the chamber door if you would admit the writer?*
10. *Did you see the writer, and confer with him touching Monk or Phipps?*
11. *Was this person reproved for advising the Earl of Glencairn to beware of himself?*
12. *How did the said letter get out of your hands, and was anyone imprisoned for writing it?*
13. *What money had Blatake, or your brother the Major from Phipps, Col. Daniell, or Monk's secretary, and to what purpose?* [$1\frac{2}{3}$ *pages.*]

Dec.? **70.** Rich. Lowther to Williamson. You seem to resent my letter highly, and call my writing scarcely legible; I have acquired a scribbling hand, a lawyer's attribute here, but your writing is not always good. I did not think it officious to consult a man, yet I dare not argue with your 7 years of philosophy; you judge me hardly, and my transgressions were not so boundless as you judge them, but I am glad you did not go to the utmost. If your conscience were so strait-laced between father and son, the one would scarce have countervailed the other; but I thank your provident policy, as my Saumur friends are blab-mouthed. It must be my blind ignorance not to see what you say, that I have had more service than either my father's liberality or my merit could expect.

I did not travel the road you advised, for the soldiers were passing there, but went by Vendosme. I can spend my time better than in answering yours by parcels. I wrote you about the 30 livres I owed my landlady, &c., &c. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

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71. Petition of the inhabitants of Barnstaple, Bideford, Ilfracombe, and Minehead to the Admiralty Commissioners, for two small nimble frigates to be stationed at Ilfracombe and Kinsale to convoy and protect their fleets going to and from Ireland with cattle, wool, corn, tallow, &c., their towns being most proper for the Irish trade, which has been a great supply to cos. Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, and Dorset, and of great advantage to Ireland; but the frequency of Spanish men-of-war on the coasts prevents their trading without protection. 61 original signatures. [1 *sheet.*]

72. Request of Thos. Browne of Fulham to Lord Lawrence and the Council, for licence to erect and maintain a bowling green behind his house, for the recreation of gentlemen. [⅓ *page.*]

73. Petition of Jas. Bends and Rob. Moore, prisoners in the Gatehouse, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Bends has served through the war, been 9 years carpenter of the Resolution, in 3 voyages, and in several engagements against the Dutch.

Moore has long been employed in making ironwork for the navy, and behaved faithfully. John Golding, Bends' servant, saved some ironwork from a ship which was sunk by Gen. Blake's order, Capt. Gilson bidding the men save what they could. Golding offered it for sale to Moore, who refused it because it was Flemish iron, but Bends bought it, and for this they are both committed, to the ruin of them and their families. Beg discharge on bail, in consideration of their services, their poor estates, and their wives and children. [⅔ *page.*]

74. Like petition for a hearing this day, or release on bond. [⅓ *page.*]

75. Petition of Jas. Bends to Gen. Blake, to like effect. Has served under him in 3 voyages, and he is now accused for what was done 3 years since. [1 *page.*]

76. Like petition to Maj.-Gen. Desborow, for leave to send for two of his shipmates who can prove his innocence. Has been a fortnight in prison. Is offered release on payment of 50*l.*, but could not raise the money, were it just to pay it, being 150*l.* in debt, and his salary only 23*l.* a year. [1 *page.*]

77. Petition of Martin Brice to the Admiralty Commissioners. You released me on parole to procure the enlargement of Capt. Hare and others, prisoners in Majorca, and not only they, but divers others are set at liberty on my account. You refer me to the Protector. As my parole is nearly expired I beg its extension for 3 months, that I may endeavour to obtain liberty from his Highness. [¾ *page.*]

78. Petition of Rich. Busby to Lord Lambert. About 2 years ago, I made a considerable discovery to the Admiralty Commissioners against Capts. Kedman and Tirrick, who offered me 80*l.* to cease my prosecution, whereon I addressed Col. Clarke, who promised me satisfaction for my discovery. They have put in security to pay a

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large sum, but I am still unpaid, though I have attended the Admiralty Commissioners a fortnight. Pray obtain me satisfaction. [⅔ *page.*]

79. Petition of the inhabitants of Hanwell, Middlesex, to the Protector, to settle Sam Tomlins, of Trinity College, Cambridge, in their rectory. Have been ¼ of a year without a minister, and have had good experience of his fitness. Signed by Hen. Hodges and John Ledgoulds, churchwardens, and 14 others. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

79. I. *Certificate by John Harrison and Sid. Simpson that Tomkins is able, orthodox, pious, and well affected.* [½ *page.*]

80. Petition of Aaron Jeffryes, for self and 4 prisoners at Ostend, to the Admiralty Commissioners. We were taken last Sept. by 2 Dunkirk men-of-war, and have been prisoners since in great misery. I was released on parole to come to England to clear Arent Skoomaker in Plymouth, and procure the release of 5 others at Plymouth, and 1 at York, the lords of Dunkirk refusing your proposal for the 5 at Chelsea College, because they had another proposal for them. I beg Skoomaker's release, that I may not be forced to return. Noted in shorthand, 4 at Plymouth to be proposed for the other four. [1 *page.*]

81. Petition of Jone, wife of Edw. Jolly, and Mary, wife of Thos. Dingley, master and master's mate of the Hopeful Mary of Ipswich, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Our husbands, who faithfully served in the late wars, and have large families, and several others were, on 27 April last, taken in sight of Newcastle by a Dunkirk man-of-war, after 3 hours' hot fight, put into their ship, and carried prisoners to Ostend, where they lie in a perishing condition, stripped of all they had, sick, and wounded. The rest of the men being left in the ship, were rescued by the Tredagh frigate, who retook the Mary, and carried her to Dover, with 12 Dunkirkers, 9 of whom are not yet exchanged or released. We beg that they may be exchanged for our husbands and the 3 others in like calamity. [1 *page.*]

82. Petition of John Patshall, bailiff of Leominster, co. Hereford, to the Protector. The borough was incorporated 28 May, 1 Mary, and enlarged by other princes, and the government committed to 24 inhabitants, which are too many, there being few well affected, and alehouses, vice, and wickedness abound. Begs that they may be reduced to 13 or 7, to be named by his Highness, and chosen by the greater part of those that remain. [1 *page.*]

83. Petition of divers inhabitants of London to the Protector. The Court for probate of wills and granting administrations has time out of mind been kept at Doctors' Commons, and the registry in Warwick Lane, which was very beneficial to the city. By their removal to Westminster, divers houses in those places have become empty, and rents so decayed that people cannot pay their taxes, and such as require to go to the Court are at great expense by attendance at Westminster. We beg restoration of the Court and records to their former places. 85 signatures. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

83. I, II. *Proposed Ordinance by the Protector and Council, to encourage the study of civil law, and right administration* *of justice, that all cases of wills, administrations, legacies, marriage, divorce, and separation with alimony, be henceforth determined by civil law.* [½ *page*, 2 *copies.*]

84. Petition of Mary, widow of Capt. John Taylor, to the Admiralty Commissioners. On your motion, Parliament granted me for the loss of my husband 250*l.*, and 100*l.* to each of his children, the proportion of any who died to be given to the survivors; but both his children by me have died, and I spent nearly the sum given in their sickness and funerals. To bring up my husband's youngest son of 11, I have little more than the interest of his 100*l.*, so I beg the portions of the dead children, the 3 elder sons being grown up and provided for. [1 *page.*]

85. John Rowe to Generals Desborow, and Montague, Col. Clerk, and other Admiralty Commissioners. I have conferred with Mr. Hampton, and hope he has a savour of the grace of God in his heart. His abilities "are but weak and mean," yet by diligence and exemplary conversation, he may be useful among the seamen. [¾ *page.*]

86. Edw. Wood to the Admiralty Commissioners. Begs payment. Was employed to provide hemp and tar beyond seas for the navy, and has delivered 17,000*l.* worth, of which 4,000*l.* is unpaid. Had only 2 per cent. profit, paying freight, customs, and excise. There is 3,000*l.* more due to him on bills of exchange. Lost 656*l.* in a ship taken 16 days since, and carried into the Groyne. [¾ *page.*]

87. Certificate by Wm. Leman, Hen. Scobell, and 4 others, to the fidelity, honesty, and good affection of Thos. Marsh, as cashier in the Army Treasury and other places of trust. [1 *page.*]

88. Case of Capt. Fras. Wayte, prisoner in the Fleet. In June 1635, Rob. Walthew and Henry, his son, entered into a bond in 4,000*l.* to pay 2,080*l.* to Thos. Wayte, receiver for the late King, which was absolutely in trust for Wayte. Several sums were paid thereon, but in 1642 Thos. Wayte died, and petitioner as administrator put the bond in suit in the Exchequer, where it was shown by report of the Barons that 850*l.* was still due, but before judgment, old Walthew died.

In 1651, Hen. Walthew pleaded the Act of Oblivion, and thus with loss of the money and 14 years' interest, petitioner is like to be ruined. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

88. I. *Bond alluded to, and note of payments thereupon,* 26 *Feb.* 1640 *to* 5 *Dec.* 1642. [1 *sheet.*]

88. II. *Report of the Barons of Exchequer alluded to,* 9 *May* 1648. [*Copy,* 1½ *pages.*]

89. Answer of Hen. Walthew to the petition of Capt. Fras. Wayte, that he has repaid most of the principal, and it is only interest that is behind; that he has offered to sell his estate towards payment of his debts proportionably, but Wayte refused to agree with the other creditors, by which he is reduced to great misery; that he still thinks he ought to have the benefit of the Act of Pardon, but begs

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reference of the case to the Court of Exchequer, to which it properly belongs. [1 *sheet.*]

Whitehall. **90.** Blank form of grant by Oliver, Protector, of an almsman's place in Christ Church, Oxford, void by death. [¾ *page.*]

91. List of 10 Spanish officers and 112 soldiers who are prisoners in England, with their places of abode. [4½ *pages.*]

92. List of his Highness' fleet under command of Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson, 21 ships, of which 14 are with him in Southwold Bay, 4 gone before towards the Sound, and 2 at Quinborough, with Sir Geo. Ayscue. [¾ *page.*]

Pass by Charles II. for Lord Culpepper, of the Privy Council, and keeper of the archives, going by his express order from Cologne to Flanders to join the King, with servants and baggage. [*French draft. Flanders correspondence.*]

93. Petition of Dan. Barton, to James, Duke of York. I came over to Bruges with Alex. Goffe, having goods of my own, and lending him money for his expenses. I beg to have my own goods, which are with Goffe's, and satisfaction out of his for charges disbursed. [¾ *page.*]

94. Pamphlet entitled, "The fulness and freeness of God's grace in Jesus Christ declared in two general points. First, that personal election is no ground of the saints' perseverance in the grace of God by Jesus Christ. Secondly, in what sense the Scriptures speak the saints' perseverance in that grace. The third part, by Francis Duke." [*Printed, 4to,* 114 *pp. With manuscript notes of part of the contents, quoting those of Chap.* 13, *which contains an answer to Col. John Lilburne's* 6 *particulars.* 2 *pages.*]

95–97. Three receipts for the laying on of quicksilver; 1 French and 2 English. [3 *pages.*]

98. Edw. Norris to Williamson, Saumur. The watch is bought, and is in my pocket. It will cost you 50 francs. I will change it if it does not go well. I am surprised at your naming an account for ribbon sent in; but I shall pay nothing unless I know that I owe it. Send me the small remainder of our account.

P.S.—Mr. Leigh is still on the way, having broken a chariot wheel at Tours. [1 *page, French.*]

99. Note book of Jos. Williamson, containing several drafts of letters to parents of his pupils, from Saumur, one to Smith and one to Luc. d'Achery, of the Bibliothèque of St. Germain des Près, Paris, the two latter in Latin. With other literary notes relating to the studies of his pupils. [16 *pp.* 24*mo.*]

Account of the sums paid at the collection for the Piedmontese Protestants, made in the different towns of England and Wales, arranged alphabetically in their respective counties, *e.g.*,—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Norwich, in 13 churches	157	15	8½
Canterbury „	149	1	11
Manchester	32	5	5½

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	£	s.	d.
Liverpool	10	3	0
Lincoln	122	18	8
Westminster	348	3	3
Hackney	214	7	11
Islington	15	11	5
Whitechapel	110	18	10

In London collections were made in 124 churches. St. Martin's-in-the-Fields gave 325*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.*, the largest amount; Trinity, Minories, the smallest, 7*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.*

	£
2 churches exceeded	300
3 " "	200
16 " "	100

Many names of towns are entered without any sum affixed, especially in Wales, where the collections made were few in proportion to the name of towns mentioned.

Prefixed is a list of the 24 members of the Committee for these Protestants, Mr. Jenkins' name being struck out, and also a list of the 16 members added, 4 Jan. 1655–6. [*Parchment bound volume, I.* 126.]

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Weekly accounts of the receipts and payments of the Commissioners of Customs. 23 Feb.–26 Dec. 1656. [35 *sheets.*]

Weekly accounts of the balances in hand in the Excise Office, London. 10 May–25 Dec. 1656. [32 *papers.*]

Weekly accounts of Exchequer receipts and issues. 27 Sept.–27 Dec. 1656. [13 *papers.*]

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1. Petition of Peter Blake, of Andover, co. Hants, to the Protector. I trusted John Lucas, late of Hungerford, Berks, with goods value 75*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*, but he being in the last insurrection, was condemned at Sarum and executed, so that I must lose the debt without your relief. I beg that those who are to receive the profits of the estate may pay me. [23 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

1. I. *Certificate by Rich. Blake of the debt.* 3 *March* 1655–6. [*Scrap.*]

1. II. *Certificate by Col. Wm. Goffe and* 10 *others to the like effect, and that the debt is still unpaid.* 16 *April* 1656. [1 *page.*]

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Jan. 1. Council. Day's Proceedings.

(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1.* Approval of a certificate by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, that John Goldwyre, now minister of Arundel, Surrey, should have the augmentation granted to Mr. Cuffley, late minister.

2.* Order on the petition of divers inhabitants of Newport Pagnell, co. Bucks, that the said Trustees settle on John Gibbs, their minister, an augmentation of 40*l.* a year.

3.* Approval of a certificate from the said Trustees for allowance of 20*l.* a year to the minister of Chattisham, co. Suffolk.

4.* The said Trustees to continue to Allen Geare, now minister of Saviour's in Dartmouth, co. Devon, the former augmentation of 42*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.* a year out of the rent of Painton, and 54*l.* out of the rent of Mary Church, to be divided between himself and such other able ministers as shall be settled there.

5. The petition of Mary Humphreys, widow, referred to any 3 of Council, to report.

6. To advise his Highness to appoint a tide surveyor.

7. To the order of 23 Dec. last, advising a warrant for 3,300*l.* to Col. Ralph Weldon, a clause to be added that the warrant shall be without payment of fees, and that his security on the excise is to stand until the money is paid.

8. A certificate from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, for a union between Euston parish and Heythorpe rectory, co. Oxon, and several petitions from the inhabitants of Euston, and papers annexed, referred to Lambert, Wolsley, Fiennes, Lord Deputy, Jones, and Mulgrave, to report.

9. Approval of the certificate of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, for an augmentation of 10*l.* a year to the minister of North Kelsey, co. Lincoln.

10. Order on a letter from the mayor of Coventry, and —— Hopkins, justice of peace for co. Warwick, on Major Walters' arrest and the warrant therefor, at suit of Thos. Skinner [*see* 25 *Dec.* 1656], that the Lord Deputy, Lambert, Fiennes, Sydenham, and Wolsley speak with the judges of the Admiralty and Common Law, consider what should be done as to his release, and report.

11. Order—on report from the Committee about alterations in Chipping Wycombe charter, co. Bucks [*see* 20 *Feb.* 1656], that the inhabitants of Great and Little Massinden, and other adjacent parishes, have 14 days' time to show cause why a court of record should not be held every 3 weeks at Chipping Wycombe for debts, accounts, &c., in the several parishes.

The clause for serving of process rejected.

The latter part of the report approved.

Counsel-at-law to consider the charter and certify thereon, and Mr. Beck to attend them.

12. The Commissioners on Charters for corporations to take no fees.

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13. Strickland, Desborow, Mulgrave, Wolsley, Jones, and Fiennes, to learn if the above Commissioners do take fees, and report.

14. Order—on reading a letter to his Highness from the Vice-Chancellor and heads of Oxford University, concerning a suit commenced in the Court of Upper Bench, against Dr. Palmer, warden of All Souls, in a case of election of fellows, according to an order of the then visitors of the University—that Fiennes speak to Lord Chief Justice Glynn thereon, and report.

15. The petition of Col. Thos. Willoughby referred to any 3 of Council, to speak with some members of Parliament for co. Warwick thereon, and report.

16*. The petition of Sir Thos. Wiseman, of co. Essex, and a certificate from the county Commissioners, referred to the Major General and Commissioners, to report their advice therein.

17. A paper from Phil. Meadows, concerning the account of 50,000*l.* from Portugal, of which 600*l.* remains in Mr. Bird's hands, and the allowance for the receipt thereof, referred to Jones, Desborow, Sydenham, Strickland, and Wolsley, to consider what must be done about the 600*l.*, and what allowance made for the receiving of the money. Also to ask Mr. Bushell and the Trustees for Bishops' lands, &c., whether they have any land that would yield 100*l.* a year, in order to accomplish his Highness' and Council's order to grant a lease of so much to Mr. Meadows for 99 years; also to see what has become of the lands formerly granted to Mr. Lockyer and since reconveyed to his Highness, and to report.

18. Maj.-Gen. Lilburne to order the receivers of militia money in the counties of his division to pay Maj.-Gen. Chas. Howard 500*l.* towards arrears to his troops and civil officers in cos. Northumberland and Cumberland, for the year ending June 24 1656. Approved 8 Jan.

19. **2.** When there shall be occasion to impress mariners in the Isle of Wight for the fleet, the Admiralty Commissioners, or the press gang under their orders, are to communicate the same to the Governor of the Isle, and with his assistance, to give it in charge to the press masters.

20. Order referring the request of Thos. Andrews and And. Haliburton, merchants of London, to be allowed to export the value of 4,000*l.* in pieces of 8 to the East Indies, to the Customs' Commissioners, to certify. *Annexing*,

3. *Request alluded to*, 15 *Dec.* 1656. [*Scrap.*]

22, 23. Mr. Moreland to attend Council next Tuesday, and give account concerning the state of the Protestants in Piedmont, and the Committee for the collection for them to meet him, and receive his account of moneys transmitted for their relief.

24. The petition and papers of Francis Smith, of Chelsea, referred to any 3 of Council, to report.

25. The report from the Committee on Capt. Sheild's information concerning words spoken by Cornet Constable against Lord Claypole to be considered at Council's next sitting.

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26. Order—on Lambert's report of the account of money disbursed by Maj.-Gen. Kelsey, for travelling charges for himself and others, sent to bring plate from Portsmouth to London, which Mr. Jessop certified to amount to 230*l.* 3*s.* 11½*d.*—that his Highness be advised to order payment.

27. The petition of Rich. Shalcross, for discharge from the extraordinary tax set on lands mentioned in deeds recited in the petition, referred to the Major General and Commissioners for co. Derby, to settle the matter at their next full meeting. Approved 8 Jan.

28. The petition of Sir Ralph Sydenham, of Youlston, co. Devon, for discharge from the extraordinary tax, referred to the Major General and Commissioners of co. Devon, to consider as to his discharge from further proceedings, and act as they judge meet. Approved 8 Jan.

29. Order on a paper from Lord Nieuport, ambassador from the United Provinces, concerning the Charity of Rotterdam, seized on her way to Bilboa by a State's ship, and brought to Dover—that Strickland, Wolsley, and Jones inquire into the case, and report.

30. The order of 4 Sept. [*see p.* 97, *supra*] about Maj.-Gen. Worsley's widow and children, given to avoid suits or trouble, is not to extend to lands worth 14*l.* a year purchased by the major since the settling of his estate, but only to the lands in difference between the parties, in respect of the former settlement.

32. Approval by the Protector of 7 orders of 23 and 25 Dec. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 604–611.]

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4. Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. According to your order of 27 Nov., we have consulted with Vice-Admiral Badiley, and other persons, touching the serviceableness of some pricked wines for making beverage, and think them not proper for use; but we presume the fleet may be supplied with better wines and at easier rates, both from Portugal and other parts. We send a letter from Mr. Longland, who will probably comply in case you give order therein. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

4. i. *Chas. Longland to Vice-Admiral Rich. Badiley. I see by your letters that, with much ado, you had got a peace with Portugal; you may thereby guess what strong affections that King has to us, who is so hardly brought to peace, which I believe will last no longer than it turns him to account. His ambassador at Rome (or to say better, one that would be his ambassador there) has been labouring these* 12 *months for reception from the Pope, with* 6 *millions gratuity for him in his hand, but the Spanish party is so strong that he cannot be admitted openly, although the French are in a manner fallen out with the Pope about it; but 'tis said he has been privately received, and the Pope has restored Episcopacy, creating such bishops as the King desires; of so great a poweris his millions. Any indifferent, disinterested man would tax King John's judgment for purchasing the Pope's friendship at so high a rate, and slighting the Protector's*

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although he has it gratis (for I account the money he pays to be a debt, the charge of the fleet in the year 1650), *but this is according to the prophetic revelation, "All the world shall wander after the beast, and kings shall give their power or strength unto her until the appointed time." I know not how it may please God to prosper this peace with Portugal, for there has been much dissimulation used by that King, and bloody cruelties even in the very signing of the articles. I doubt he may prove a Benhadad.*

I am very sorry for the loss of the Cullen, with so much ammunition, which has prevented your land service. From your first setting out of England, I was always of opinion that such a fleet as yours had a further design than to tack to and again off the South Cape (like the French army of 40,000 *men), and to take a port in Spain would have been rather a burden than a benefit, because no part of Spain can yield provisions for our fleet; but a Spanish port in Barbary, such as Oran, or Mamora, methinks had been an enterprise worth your undertaking, where you might have careened your ships, and refreshed and victualled them, and your men. Whether Oran be a good port, I know not; but if it were ours, it would be of great concernment to our nation, for the ships that go and come from Turkey, and I am confident might be made a seat of great trade for the coast of Barbary.*

I have been oftentimes thinking to send you a ship of beverage wine, but it would cost 20 *dollars the butt, and I suppose you have it cheaper in Portugal; however, if you have the least occasion, upon your advice, I will furnish you with* 5 *or* 600 *butts. I am sorry the wine I sent proved sour, and the* 2 *chests I sent by Capt. Hare proved but one, and that his own too. I sent the General* 4 *by him also, but never heard what became of them; he may have presented them or part of them in his own name, but I paid the freight for all, and gave him a chest besides to be careful of them, but knavery is so grafted in some men that there is no truth left. Capt. Cox will deliver you a couple of chests of old Saragossa wine, a cup of which, in raw cold weather, will not be amiss; the General may like it, pray deliver him a chest.*

We have freighted 2 *Dutch ships from Muscovy to bring some caviare and hides from Archangel, which was done for* 2 *reasons, viz., that we have them for half the freight of English ships and the Dutch give content, and not discourtesies as I received from Capt. Hare. If you or the General should meet them, I beg you will send a frigate with them hither, as* $\frac{5}{13}$*ths of the caviare belongs to me, and my friend Mr. Smith, and all the Muscovy Company are* *interested in the hides; so that you will do a courtesy to all, and we will give the captain* 100 *pistoles. We would rather do this than they should wait* 3 *days for a Dutch convoy, as these convoys call in all ports, and we want speed. Leghorn,* 4 *Oct.* 1656. [3½ *pages.*]

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5. J. Evelyn to the Navy Commissioners. I beg an order for a survey of the sluice adjoining Drake's dock in the State's yard at Deptford, and for its repair; as upon the rising of the spring tide, the water not only threatens the little ground of mine contiguous to the defect, but also the whole level; and if not seen to, the same great and unexpected danger may again occur as happened to the marshes at Greenwich, and our neighbours thereabouts. A small expense will now secure the work, which concerns the public interest as well as private persons. [⅔ *page.*]

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Great President,
Plymouth
Sound.

Jno. Thomson to Rob. Thomson, Navy Commissioner. Hearing of your magnanimity, I become a suitor to you. I was brought up to merchandize, but having lost a considerable estate at sea during the wars, I entered the service, and expected to be entertained by my neighbour, Vice-Admiral Lawson, but was frustrated through his resigning; I then entered the Great President, the master being my friend, and if Capt. Sacheverell had lived, he would have endeavoured my preferment. I officiated in Capt. Fenn's time as his clerk, and being employed about our provisions, had no opportunity to accept his proffer on his removal into the Bristol. Capt. Potter, our present commander, although a gentleman, is a stranger to me, and has others to serve. I beg you to accept or recommend me, as I would rather serve those of my own name. Being sprung from an ancient family in Yorkshire, I will never act anything to their dishonour, and would rather serve those of my own name. [1 *page.*]

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Whitehall.

7. Petition of Major Edw. Basse to the Protector. You have been pleased to notice my constant adherence to Parliament, and my losses and sufferings, and I am encouraged, by your kind expressions to me and about me to Step. Marshall before his death, to beg a proportion of the small remains of Dean and Chapter lands and fee-farm rents that lie straggling up and down. I have spent many years in attendance, am growing old, and have a wife and 6 children unprovided for. With order thereon that petitioner apply to the Privy Council with particulars of what he wants, and that they consider the case speedily. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

	£	s.	d.
7. I. *Case of Edw. Basse. Losses by debts owing from the late King's party* -	18,000	0	0
Loss of a trade worth 1,500*l. a year for* 15 *years* - - - -	22,500	0	0
Loss of an office under the Great Seal, worth 250*l. a year for* 2 *lives* -	6,500	0	0
Debts of the late King and Queen, beside the 4,500*l. allowed by Parliament* -	4,085	12	0

He pleads that numerous others have had allowances for offices and debts, &c. [1 *page*.]

7. II. *Notes on his case that he was one of the first in arms, and had hopes from the late King, from Parliament, and from his Highness, &c.*

7. III. *Note of lands, fee-farm rents, &c., from which he requests compensation.* [1 *page*.]

Jan. $\frac{3}{13}$. **8.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. I wish myself at Paris, where I hope to see you, but I think I must remain here 8 months. I fear to say anything in praise of Blois. [1 *page, French, damaged.*]

Jan. $\frac{3}{13}$. Paris. **9.** G. Stradling to Williamson. I am glad you received the 110*l.* I sent, but sorry that our return to Blois failed. The money due to Mr. Norris has been returned to me, and I do not know how to get the remaining 100*l.* paid at Blois, as I know no merchant that trades there. Thanks for your kindness; I will try to serve you punctually. I cannot hear of Mr. Lowther's having been here. I will enquire further.

I hear from Flanders that the King of Spain having granted free quarter to all that will assist the King of England, there is a great concourse to him of English, Scotch, and Irish, who are well paid, and several regiments are formed. Great assistance is promised by the House of Austria and the German princes, but our intelligencers say they will not be used till the King is ready to pass over into England, both to conceal his strength, and to avoid the charge of paying so large an army. I hear from Sir Rich. Browne and others that the Hollanders are like to quarrel with England.

Last week 400 English soldiers forced their officers, who were carrying them to Dieppe, into Dunkirk. Private affairs.

P.S.—One Capt. Gouldin is come in to the King of England in Flanders, with a ship of 28 guns; a good leading card to the rest of his rough tribe. [2 *pages*.]

Jan. 3. **10.** Grant by Edw. Bysshe, Garter King-at-Arms, to Col. Ralph Cobbett, Governor of Dundee, sheriff for co. Forfar and J.P., of a coat of arms, *viz.*, argent, a chevron hamecté, gules, between 3 ravens proper, with trefoils in their beaks. Crest on a helmet, and wreath of his colours, a raven volant, or, pelleté, in his beak a laurel branch. [*Draft, corrected,* 2 *pages.*]

[Jan. 6.] **11.** Appeal by 7 Quakers, prisoners for conscience sake in Horsham gaol though they have hazarded their lives for the nation, to the Protector. Thos. Patching, Bryant Wilkinson, and John Fursby have been 24 weeks in gaol, committed by justices for owning some books set out by Quakers, and publicly sold, containing an account of the state of regeneration, but no sedition.

Ninian Brocket, committed for refusing to swear at the county sessions, and not doffing his hat.

Nich. Rickman, committed by Thos. Sutton, Mayor of Arundel, for writing a paper containing nothing against the present Government or godliness.

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Margaret, wife of Wilkinson, and Frances, wife of Rickman, taken from their children and servants, only for speaking, as moved of the Lord, a word to 2 priests.

We present our wrongs to thee, knowing that when David was King, divers suffered by his officers, contrary to his will, and without his privity, and we hear that thou hast declared that none in this nation shall suffer for conscience. 23 Nov. 1656. With order signed by the Protector, 2 Dec. 1656, that Col. Geo. Fenwick, Major Fenwick, and Thos. Moore, examine whether they were committed to prison according to law, and certify. 2 Dec. 1656. [1¼ *pages.*]

[Jan. 6.] **12.** Information that Thos. Laycock, who engaged his life in the service, was taken out of the house of his friend Nich. Rickman, by Thos. Sutton, Mayor of Arundel, on 10 Nov., sent to the Bridewell as a vagabond, kept 10 days in a damp room, without fire or candle, inhumanly beaten, and his friends not allowed to see him [*Scrap.*]

[Jan. 6.] **13.** Note that Rich. Luckin, gaoler at Horsham, was committed by some of the justices to the house of correction for allowing the said prisoners a little liberty sometimes, and has been there 6 or 8 weeks. [*Scrap.*]

[Jan. 6.] **14, 15.** Reference signed by the Protector of these papers to Lieut.-Col. Fenton, Methuselah Turner, Rich. Eccleston, Rich. Smith, and Thos. Moore, to certify whether the persons have been committed according to law, 5 Dec. 1656; and their report, 24 Dec., that they sat 15–17 Dec., examined the prisoners, justices, gaoler, and keeper, and the mittimuses, and find—

1. Patching committed 21 May 1656, for not giving security for his appearance about publishing seditious books, and for his good behaviour.
2, 3. Fursby and Wilkinson 9 June, for endeavouring to publish scandalous books, and refusing security.
4. Laycock 10 Nov. 1656, to the house of correction at Arundel, as a disorderly wanderer.
5. Rickman 10 Nov. 1656, to Horsham gaol, for not finding securities.
6. Frances Rickman 10 Nov., for misbehaviour and refusing to find sureties.
7. Marg. Wilkinson 16 Nov., for disturbing John Chatfield in his sermon.
8. Brockett 6 Oct., for refusing to plead to an indictment.
9. Luckin to the house of correction, near Lewes, 11 Oct., for suffering great assemblies of people to have access to his prisoners, and disperse seditious books among them, and for setting them at liberty without warrant.

They consider the commitments illegal—

(1.) Because of the insufficiency of the crimes.
(2.) Because the mittimuses do not provide for their delivery by course of law.
(3.) Because they were not brought to trial the next sessions.

(4.) Because the whole process seems to be for matter of opinion in worship, and therefore counsel their enlargement. Signed by Turner, Eccleston, Fenlon, and Moore. [2 *papers.*]

Jan. 6. **16.** Reference in Council of all the above papers to Pickering, Desborow, the Lord Deputy, Lambert, Lisle, and Fiennes, to speak with the certifiers, enquire how the referees pursued their reference, and report. [1 *page; also I.* 77, *p.* 612.]

[Jan. 6.] **17, 18.** Petition of Rob. Jennings to the Protector. Though I have submitted to your government, yet I was ejected at the visitation of co. Oxon, because I was educated at Oxford when the late King's garrison was in the town, though I was imprisoned for refusing to go upon the guards, and never meddled in the differences between him and Parliament. I have quitted my employment in obedience to your order, but without your help I am ruined, having no maintenance but what I can gain by my learning. With reference, 20 May 1656, to the Maj.-General and county Commissioners of Berkshire, to enquire and report, and meantime to stay further proceedings; and their report that Jennings was ejected in 1648, when very young, but has not offended since, and has a minister's certificate for learning and goodness, and should therefore be examined by the Committee for Approbation of Preachers. Signed by Col. W. Goffe, and 5 others. [1 *page.*]

[Jan. 6.] **19.** Petition renewed to be freed from ejectment, and enabled to serve his generation according to his ability. With reference to Privy Council, 27 Nov. 1656. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 6. Order thereon that the Committee for Approbation of Ministers examine him, and approve him if they see cause. Approved 8 Jan. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 612, 621.]

Jan. 6. **20.** Petition of Sir Thos. Vyner and Edward Backwell, goldsmith of London, to the Protector and Council. On 30 Oct. 1656, they contracted for all the Spanish bars, pieces of 8, and plate brought to Portsmouth by Gen. Montague, before seeing them, at 5*s.* 4*d.* the ounce for the Spanish assay of 2380, which is to be 18 pennyweights better, and so in proportion according to the fineness marked on the bars; were informed that the Spanish assays were reformed, but this silver was marked 3 years since, and many of the assays upon the bars are found falsified from 1*d.* to 6*d.* the oz., and in one great bar, near a quarter of the whole bar. In the whole quantity there were but two bars of the full fineness of 18 pennyweights better, which is 2380, by which finest silver they cannot make 1*d.* in the ounce towards advance of money and provision; have already paid into the Exchequer 130,000*l.*, being at great charge in procuring and paying interest for the same, for the speedy supply of his Highness. Beg a warrant to transport 10,000*l.* in pieces of 8, and 50 of the worst bars custom free, without which they will suffer great damage. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 6. Reference thereon to Lambert, Jones, Desborow, and Sydenham, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 613.]

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[Jan. 6.] **21.** Barth. Wormell, deputy-mayor of Lynn, and 4 others, to Gen. John Desborow. Capt. Jeremiah Courtney has had an engagement with a Dunkirk man-of-war on the coast, when the captain and 7 of his men were dangerously wounded. We have had their wounds tended, and beg you to report this to Council, that we may be paid our charges. In times of peace, we traded with those of Flanders, so that they know our creeks, and will spoil our trade, for rich vessels come from London, &c., and there is no convoy. We beg you, as the Dunkirker escaped, and carried away a hoy which was under convoy of the Roe ketch, to take steps for guard of the coast and preservation of trade, as Courtney cannot soon be cured of his wounds. Lynn, 2 Jan. 1656–7. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

21. I. *Information of Fras. Pile, master of the Roe ketch. Particulars of the engagement between the Roe ketch and the Dunkirker, which carried away a hoy of Boston that was under convoy of the Roe.* 1 *Jan.* 1656–7. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 6. **22.** Order thereon in Council, that a convoy be appointed for that coast, and that the letter of information be sent to the Admiralty Commissioners, to take care for the preservation of trade. [⅔ *page; also I.* 77, *pp.* 613–4.]

Jan. 6. **23.** Petition of Step. Bownd, minister, to the Protector. I am a great sufferer by the malicious oaths of the malignants, and am ejected by the late Act, though with great reluctance by the Commissioners, and to the grief of many godly Christians, as is known to Lord Rich. Cromwell. I have many testimonies of good conversation and abilities from my neighbours and godly ministers in co. Hants, and I feel a call to preach the Word. I beg restoration at the desire of the people, or leave to labour elsewhere. I shall pray that, having lived amongst us a glorious ruler, you may for ever reign with the King of glory. With reference to Council, signed by the Protector, 27 Nov. 1656. [1 *sheet.*]

Jan. 6. Order—on the above petition, and on a certificate by Mr. Whitfield and Ellis, ministers at Winchester and others, that the well-affected godly inhabitants of Bursledonne and Hamble have certified in his favour, and desired his re-establishment—that he apply to the Committee for Approbation of Preachers, who are to examine him, and admit him if they find cause. Approved 8 Jan. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 618, 621.]

[Jan. 6.] **24.** Petition of Avis, widow of Fras. Gill, to the Protector. Your Highness referred my petition for my husband's arrears to the Admiralty Commissioners, who found 36*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* to be justly due. I beg an order for payment, being feeble and past work, and having nothing else to live on. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

24. I. II. *Certificates by Geo. Payler, surveyor, and Barth. Beale, auditor, that* 36*l.* 15*s. is due for Gill's service in the Armoury Office, since* 10 *Aug.* 1647. 27 *Jan.* 1653–4 *and* 1 *June* 1655. [2 *papers.*]

24. III. *Report by the Admiralty Commissioners that the said arrears are due, but they know not how to relieve the petitioner.* 6 *Feb.* 1655-6. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Jan. 6. **25.** Reference thereon by Council to Pickering, Sydenham, Desborow, Lord Deputy, Jones, and Wolsley, to consider how the debt can best be paid, and also the case of the late gunners of the Tower, how their arrears are to be satisfied, and to report. [1 *page; also I.* 77, *p.* 620.]

Jan. 6. Papers relating to the incorporation of Abergavenny, *viz.*:—

26, 26a. Heads of a proposed charter for Abergavenny; the portions in brackets were omitted after discussion in Council, and those in italics were inserted by Council; the remainder were passed.

(1.) The town to be incorporated under a mayor, 2 bailiffs, and 12 burgesses, and the first mayor and bailiffs to be justices of peace [during life and good behaviour].
(2.) A court of record to be held every fortnight, or oftener, for actions not exceeding 40*l.* in value [the fees to be such as in other corporate towns, and reserved to the mayor and bailiffs].
(3.) A recorder to be appointed, to hold sessions with the present mayor, bailiffs, precedent mayor, and eldest burgesses.
(4.) Also a town clerk to be appointed.
(5.) The mayor to be clerk of the market *for registration of weights and measures.*
(6.) The mayor and bailiffs to appoint an alnager *for regulation of cloths made in the town.*
(7.) The mayor and bailiffs to be elected yearly on 29 Sept., from the capital burgesses.
(8.) Also 2 surveyors of the bridge.
(9.) The present mayor and bailiffs to be sworn before the recorder and capital burgesses, and all other officers before them.
(10.) The mayor and bailiffs to appoint 2 serjeants for whom they will answer, to keep the town prison, and to execute all processes from the Court, and the present gatehouse, anciently used for a prison, to be the town prison and house of correction.
(11.) The corporation to have the use of the market house or town hall for keeping courts.
(12.) The 2 weekly markets and 3 yearly fairs to be continued.
[(13.) All burgesses to be exempted from juries, except before the justices of assize and general gaol delivery.]
(14.) The town and liberties to be of the same extent as formerly.
(15.) That there be a town seal.
(16.) The corporation to make ordinances for government of the town, not repugnant to law.
(17.) Any refusing to execute office when elected to be fined till they submit; the fines to be to the use of the town, *and not to exceed 10l., and the party to be worth 10l. a year in lands, or 200l. in personal estate.*

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(18.) Any of the corporation to appoint deputies in case of sickness or absence, *to be approved by the other burgesses.*

[(19.) The mayor, bailiffs, and recorder to see that grain is brought to the market to be sold, and not sold privately, forestalling the market.]

[(20.) The corporation to have the toll of grain, and all that has been accustomed to pay toll.]

(21.) The justices may commit to the town prison for breach of peace, and to the county gaol for felony, murder, treason, &c. Noted as left to be advised upon.

(22.) The corporation may purchase lands in mortmain, value 100*l.* a year, for the use of the town.

(23.) The first mayor and bailiffs to continue in office till 29 Sept. 1658.

(24.) That there be 2 chamberlains.

(25.) That the mayor be *custos rotulorum* and coroner *for the town.*

A proviso to be added, that this charter shall not disable the county justices of peace to act in the town when there, as amply as before. [*Two drafts,* 2 *sheets each.*]

26. II. Wm. Sheppard and Gab. Beck to Privy Council. We present the heads of a new charter for Abergavenny; it contains nothing more than in the charter of 14 Charles, except that there is to be a mayor, and he is to be *custos rotulorum* and coroner. It should be passed with a proviso for Lord Abergavenny and his heirs, 27 Nov. 1656. [1 *sheet.*]

26. III. List of the persons approved as the first members of the corporation.

John Rogers,	Mayor.
Jas. Harris,	Bailiffs.
Chris. Price,	
John Hagget,	Recorder.
Lewis Harris,	Town Clerk.
Edw. Lewis,	Chamberlains.
Phil. Morgan,	
Walter Morgan,	Capital burgesses.
David Morgan,	
Geo. Roberts,	
John Stevens,	
Nicodemus Simonds,	
Thos. Jones,	
Chris. Vertey,	
Lewis Boddy,	
Edw. Lewis,	
Phil. Morgan,	
Walter Morgan,	
John Lewis,	

[1 *page.*]

Jan. 6. Order thereon in Council approving the said charter, and referring it to counsel-at-law, to be prepared if they approve. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 614–5.]

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3. Order—on report by the Lord Deputy that he has spoken with the Lord Chief Justice about Major Walters' arrest—that the former Commissioners speak with the Admiralty Judges, Mr. Skinner attending, and report.

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4. Order—on consideration of a writ of *habeas corpus* from the Upper Bench to the keeper of Carnarvon Castle, for Thos. Pugh and Wm. Jones, prisoners there, to be brought into that court, with the cause of their detention, they being committed by order of the Major General and Commissioners of the county—that Lambert, Fiennes, Jones, Desborow, and Sydenham, learn the ground of their committal, speak with them and the Chief Justices of the Upper Bench, and report.

5. Order—on Fiennes' report that, according to order, he spoke with the Chief Justice of the Upper Bench concerning the suit against Dr. Palmer, warden of All Souls, Oxford—that Fiennes, Lambert, Jones, and Sydenham, speak with Dr. Owen, Dr. Palmer, or some other member of the University, according to the purport of this day's debate.

10. The report in the business of the Marlborough Charter to be considered first next Thursday.

11. The petition of Edward, Earl of Meath, referred to the Irish Committee, to report.

12. Order—on Strickland's report from the Committee on the Dutch ship Charity [*see p.* 226, *supra*], laden with salmon and herrings, which was taken and brought by the Oxford to Dover, and on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners—that she be allowed to proceed on her voyage.

13. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay from the receipts on Sir Thos. Vyner and Mr. Backwell's contract for the prize plate and money brought from Portsmouth, 10,000*l.* on account to the War-treasurers, towards payment of forces in Ireland.

27. 14, 15. Order that as on 1 Oct. last [*see p.* 120, *supra*] 40,000*l.* was ordered for Ireland, Council advise that 10,000*l.* of it be sent speedily from the money to be paid in by Vyner and Backwell, and 20,000*l.* from the moneys designed for the forces, to be sent by waggon to Chester, and thence transported in a fit ship, which the Admiralty Commissioners are to order, to Dublin. Approved 8 Jan.

17. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of the merchants and owners of the Report, complaining that she was accidentally sunk by the Ruby frigate, and that Thos. Horth, who was principal owner, has been much impoverished by this and other losses—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 1,000*l.* to Horth out of prize ships or goods' money, other than those brought in by Gen. Montague.

18. The report of Maj.-Gen. Goffe and other referees on the petition of Rich. Norton, concerning the lodges of 3 forests in co. Hants, with the papers annexed, referred to Lambert, Wolsley, Lord Deputy, Jones, Sydenham, Strickland, and Pickering, to report.

19. Order—on petition of Jo. Stocks to be restored to the capacity of preacher, and on certificate from Maj.-Gen. Lilburne and other Commissioners for co. York, certifying the returns made to them from fellow Commissioners adjacent to the petitioner's residence, concerning his peaceable disposition and fitness for re-admission to

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the ministry—that Strickland consult Maj.-Gen. Lilburne about him, and report further.

20. Order to advise payment to Maj.-Gen. Kelsey of 419*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* certified to be due to Capt. Cadwell's militia troop in Kent, from midsummer till the order for their disbanding last December.

22. Order on report from the Committee on Sir John Temple's petition, that 300*l.* be paid him for the present out of the public treasury in Ireland by the Lord Deputy and Council, and that the residue of the money due on his account be respited till he is heard, and till a more convenient time for further satisfaction. Approved 3 Jan. *Annexing,*

28. *Report of Col. Mackworth and Viscount Lisle on which this order is founded.* [1 *page.*]

23. The Committee's report on Capt. Nary's petition to be considered next Thursday.

29. 24. Order—on considering the letters and depositions relating to the wreck of the Two Brothers on the coast of Ireland, and the defectiveness of the Sapphire, bound for Jamaica—that the cases be referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to take further evidence, confer with Mr. Noel and others as to the loss sustained by the State thereby, and report.

30. 25. Order to the Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a convoy for 100 leagues for the Plain Dealing at Kinsale, taken up for Jamaica in place of the Sapphire, which is defective, and to give notice to Lord Hen. Cromwell of this direction.

26. Next Thursday Mr. Moreland is to give Council an account of the whole proceedings concerning the Protestants in Piedmont.

27. Mr. Secretary to consider what part of Moreland's transactions in the above matter should be communicated to-morrow to the Piedmont Commissioners, and Moreland to communicate accordingly what part Mr. Secretary advises.

28. Order on a report from the Army Commissioners on the petition of Wm. Tills [*see* 11 *Dec.* 1656], ordering him the pay due to him for 32 days as surgeon, on the musters of 2 and 30 June, and 28 July 1651. Approved 8 Jan. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 611–620.] *Annexing,*

31. *Report alluded to,* 25 *Dec.* 1656. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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London.

32. Sir Fras. Norris to Williamson. I wonder at having no receipt for the 50*l.* My wife and I want Ned home this March. I hope he understands French well; since he left you, we have not heard so often, which is a great trouble to us. Has Mr. Whorwood come over? [1 *page.*]

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33. Chas. Perrott to Williamson. We have now arrived at Paris, after being much cheated by the zealous reformists, under cloak of religion, especially at Montauban. I suppose you have the news of one Naylor, a Quaker in Germany, who pretended to be the Messiah, and carried about with him 12 apostles, and 2 sinful Magdalens; but that fancy will be jerked out of him by his sentence. I wish his apostles the same persecution. Two of that set lately passed by Paris, and were found starving in the streets, but some English gentleman, not knowing that religion, relieved them. They said they were ambassadors from the Lord to the Duke of Savoy, and despaired not of the gift of tongues, for the Lord had told them they should have success.

The King is providing a ballet without ladies, on account of Mdlle. Mancini's death. Levies go on in Flanders for 5 regiments; the Irish are sent for, but Mar[shal Turenne] cries *No*, and has ordered the contrary. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 8. **34.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I hope you had a bill at double usance on Mr. Cresset for 221 crowns. I hear no more of your bookseller. Calander's landlady will not pay that petty debt without an order. Mr. Lowther is well, and expects to hear from you. Sir F. Norris was at my shop yesterday, and is uneasy at not hearing. Lamplugh is attending at Whitehall about a better living near Reading.

The Protector and Parliament do not agree, which may shorten their sitting. It is whispered that France and Spain agree, so we should then be engaged more than ever. Private affairs. [⅔ *pages.*]

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1. Approval by the Protector of 12 orders, 23 Dec. 1656 to 6 Jan. 1656-7.

4. Order on report from the Committee on Mr. Maidstone's desires concerning his Highness' household expenses, that the Treasury Commissioners advance him, out of what comes in on Vyner and Backwell's contract for prize plate, &c., from Portsmouth, part of the 16,000*l.* ordered by his Highness' warrant for the quarter beginning Dec. 16.

5. To complete the rest, *viz.*, 12,000*l.*, 1,000*l.* is to be paid weekly from the profits of excise and customs, and for the future payment of 16,000*l.* a quarter, 4,000*l.* to be paid at the beginning of the quarter from the Exchequer, and the rest by 1,000*l.* weekly from the excise and customs; Sydenham, Jones, Desborow, Strickland, and Lambert, to consider and consult with the Admiralty Commissioners how the said weekly 1,000*l.* may best be settled.

7. The translation of a paper from the Venetian Ambassador to his Highness read, and the draft of a letter to Sir Thos. Bendish, ambassador at Constantinople, considered and debated; Fiennes, Lambert, and Lisle are to amend it, and report.

10. The Admiralty Judges to see that M. Le Conte de Charrot, governor of Calais, has justice done him, concerning his assistance in taking a prize ship.

11. The question whether the report on the petition of Wm. Paul [*see* 2 *Dec.* 1656] should be further referred passed in the negative.

12. Order that the business of Paul and Waller be considered on Thursday.

35-37. 13. Order that—as his Highness has appointed Abr. Barrington to be one of the 2 auditors of prests and foreign accounts,

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he being thereby appointed to take the accounts of the navy, with a salary of 500*l.* a year, payable quarterly by the Navy Treasurer—a warrant dormant be issued for payment of the said salary. With the warrant suggested from the Admiralty Commissioners 11 Feb. Approved 17 Jan.

14. Order on petition of the inhabitants of Haverhill, cos. Suffolk and Essex—that as the town is an old market town of great trade, and very populous, and the vicarage profits for the minister only 50*l.* a year, an augmentation may be settled on Geo. Moxon, the minister—that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers settle a fit augmentation accordingly. Approved 17 Jan.

15. Approval of an order of the said Trustees of 20 Nov. last, granting an augmentation of 100*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.* to Wm. Parish, minister of Darlington, co. Durham. Approved by the Protector 17 Jan.

16. The petition of the jury for the Court Leet and Court Baron in East Greenwich Manor, co. Kent, directed to Lord Commissioner Whitelock, as high steward of the manor, concerning the defectiveness of the great wharf adjoining the great manor house there, referred to any 3 of Council, to enquire into and report.

17. The petition of several serjeants' deputies, that the horses and goods late of Francis, the highwayman, since executed, which were seized by the petitioners, may be bestowed on them in reward for their danger run in apprehending him, referred to a Committee, to learn what the goods are worth, and whether any mesne lord is interested therein, and to report.

18. Order on report from the Committee on Capt. John Nary's petition—that he, as captain of a troop of dragoons, raised in co. Cumberland, was in 1650 commanded to march into Scotland; that the troop, understanding that on their march a month's pay was due in advance, according to an Act of Parliament, mutinied for non-payment, and petitioner had to pay the non-commissioned officers and soldiers 280*l.* out of his own pocket, which, with the 18*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* due for his own month's pay, makes 298*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* due to him—that the said sum be paid him out of such part of the 150,000*l.* assigned for payment of army arrears for Scotch service, between 20 May 1650 and 20 Oct. 1651, as was received by Sir John Woollaston and the other late Treasurers, and is now in their hands, and that the Army Committee give orders accordingly. Approved 17 Jan.

19. Order that John Normanton, sen., of Speenhamland, co. Berks—who attended Council when summoned on the petition of Rich. Brambly, but has left the country without leave of Council, and has not returned—be summoned to attend Council forthwith to answer his contempt, and also charges against him by Brambly.

21. The Earl of Rothes to have liberty to repair to Scotland for managing his private affairs for 3 months, reckoned from the expiration of the time formerly allowed him, on renewing his bond before the Lieutenant of the Tower. Approved 17 Jan.

22. The business of Mr. Rushworth and Mr. Rowe, registrars of the Admiralty, concerning moneys received by the deputy-registrars

between Mr. Wyan's death and the date of their patent, to be considered at the next sitting of Council.

23. The draft of an order concerning the Trustees for confiscated estates in Scotland to be read at the same time.

38. 24. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider whether it would not be convenient to appoint a consul at Tituan, on the coast of Barbary.

39. 25. Lord Falconbridge to have liberty to go into France with his servants and necessaries, and the Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a fit vessel for him. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 620–27.]

Jan. 12. Council. Day's Proceedings.

(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1. The examinations of Toop and Cecill read.

2. Next Thursday (Jan. 15) appointed to return praises to God for His mercy in the preservation of his Highness' person and otherwise against the designs and attempts lately discovered.

3. Mr. Caryll, Mr. Sterry, and Mr. Hooke to assist therein, and Mr. Secretary to give them notice thereof.

4. The Attorney-General, Solicitor-General, Attorney of the Duchy, and Recorder of London to be here to-morrow afternoon, to speak with a Committee of Council on to-day's debate, concerning matters contained in an examination now read, and the said Committee, *viz.*, Wolsley, Jones, Pickering, Sydenham, and Lord Deputy, to assist them therein.

5. To report to Parliament the examinations of Toop and Cecill.

6.* The Attorney-General to order proceedings against Col. Ed. Sexby next term in the Upper Bench, and the above-named Committee to speak with him thereon.

7.* Order on information that several who have been in the Irish rebellion, and others of debauched conversation are admitted into the army—to advise an order to the officers of the army to enlist no Irishmen as subordinate officers or soldiers, or continue such in the army, nor any swearers, nor any who have borne arms against the State and not given signal testimony of their good affection; and to order the several captains, on pain of losing their places, to examine the men in their respective regiments, and remove all such as appear to come under the above exceptions, and enlist in their places none but sober and loyal men; the Colonels to see that these orders are executed at once, and the captains to report their proceedings monthly.

8. On information that the Lord Mayor was attending at the door, he was called in and consulted on what was in debate concerning Mr. Feake.

10.* Whereas John Swinton, one of the Council in Scotland, is also a Commissioner for administration of justice in Scotland, order that besides his salary as member of Council, he have 300*l.* a year as Commissioner, and the Council of Scotland to issue warrants for its payment.

11.* David Jenkins, now a prisoner in Windsor Castle, to be discharged, and allowed to come to Gray's Inn. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 627–629.]

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(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1. Approval of a certificate from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, that on an order from the Committee for reformation of Universities, they paid an augmentation of 35*l.* a year to John Tabor, late minister of Hursley, co. Hants, who has since removed, and think fit to continue it to Walter Marshall, his successor, an approved preacher. Approved by the Protector 17 Jan.

2. The quorum of the Committee of Council appointed by yesterday's order to speak with counsel learned to be two, and Strickland added to the Committee.

3, 4. On report from the Committee on the petition of several doctors of physic in Scotland, after several proceedings in the case, and hearing the Provost of Edinburgh on the city's behalf, and Dr. Purvis for the petitioners, that the Provost and the doctors have come to an agreement, which was now presented in writing under both their hands:—Order that his Highness' counsel learned prepare the draft of a patent according to the purport of the said writing, and certify the same to Council.

5. An additional instruction for the Council of Scotland, reported by Lambert, read, *viz.*:—

6. Whereas by the 10th Article of the Instructions to the Council of Scotland, the said Council or any 5 of them are empowered for 6 months to charge certain receipts in Scotland for payment of salaries for the judges, sequestration commissioners, and other officers, for defraying the charges of administration of justice, and for contingencies, and this power was continued 6 months longer by order of his Highness and Council of 29 Feb. 1655–6, but is now expired —order that the same power be continued to the said Council or any 3 of them, till further order.

7. His Highness advised to agree to and sign the above instruction.

8. The petition of Peter de Beauvoir, bailiff of Guernsey, authorized by the Commissioners appointed by Council in that island concerning the estate of Henry de Vic, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

9. A paper signed by Col. Bingham, governor of Guernsey, and presented by Peter de Beauvoir, concerning the observation of the Sabbath Day, and a matter referring to the Court of Justice there, referred to Rous, Wolsley, Lisle, Strickland, Lord Deputy, Skippon, Mulgrave, Desborow, and Lambert, to report.

10. A letter from the Admiralty Judges concerning the Charity of Rotterdam read.

11. Order—on report from the Treasury Commissioners on his Highness' reference of the petition of Francis Smith, of Chelsea, showing that Gualter Frost, deceased, and the petitioner, buying of Thos. Fisher in 1642 half the ship Bennett of Sandwich, for 250*l.*, paid him 100*l.*, and gave bond to pay the rest within 3 days after notice of her arrival at Dublin, whither she was bound with provisions for the State; and that—though it appears by acquittance that

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the petitioner paid Fisher 75*l.* for his half of the remainder and received from him full discharge, and that probably the other part was fully paid by Frost,—Fisher has demanded it from Frost's relations, and proceeded against Smith so far at law as to seize his goods and try to take his person in execution, on pretence of the said debt, alleged to be 60*l.* and upwards—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Smith 60*l.* for his loss by proceedings against him, as the ship was in the State's service; and to recommend the Attorney and Solicitor General to assist Smith in the Chancery Court, if fit, for relief against Fisher.

His Highness present.

12. Order—on report from the Council of the heads of a charter for the corporation of Marlborough, as prepared by Mr. Shephard and others of the Committee on Charters, and on a report from Shephard and Beck, which were read, and a few amendments agreed to—that the Attorney-General peruse the heads as amended, and prepare the draft of a charter in accordance with them.

13. The Committee on Charters to consider a draft charter prepared by Mr. Shephard for Leeds Corporation, and report.

14. In the charter for Woodstock Corporation, a clause to be inserted for 2 additional fairs to be held on the days desired on behalf of the town, and another clause for electing one burgess for Parliament.

15.* The Major General, and any 3 Commissioners for co. Essex now in town to consider Sir Thos. Wiseman's petition and certificate, and report their advice.

16. A report from the Treasury Commissioners on a reference of the petition of Jos. Beverley, referred to Mulgrave, Desborow, Lambert, Strickland, Lisle, and the Lord Deputy, to consider the report and case, speak with some of the Yorkshire gentlemen, and report.

17. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider a paper entitled "The "State and Condition of the Pensioners and Patients of Ely House "and Savoy Hospital, in relation to their weekly allowance," concerning an arrear of 5 weeks' pay, *viz.*, 3,675*l.*, enquire into the case, and report their advice.

18.* Order on petition of the inhabitants of Kenilworth, co. Warwick,—that the town contains 250 families, and is supplied by Mr. Woodhall, a godly minister, whose maintenance is 50*l.* a year—that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers settle on Kenilworth an augmentation of 60*l.*

19. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners, on an order of Dec. 24, 1656, of a list of ships at sea and in port, and that a large sum will be wanted for their repairs—that Desborow, Lord Deputy, Sydenham, and Wolsley, consult with the Admiralty Commissioners, and report their advice as to what should be done.

His Highness withdrew.

21. Order that on payment of the fine mentioned in an order of Nov. 13, 1656, on the petition of the creditors of confiscated persons in Scotland, the Trustees named by the Ordinance for settling estates of excepted persons in Scotland be discharged for all matters

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relating to the said estates, wherein they have acted on this Ordinance or on the Ordinance of Pardon and Grace. Also that on exhibiting their accounts to the Council in Scotland for moneys they received from estates and disbursed to creditors or others to whom it was due, the said accounts are to be audited, and the Trustees to have full discharge given, and that Council allow the Trustees fit payment for their services out of arrears of rents due; and if these are not sufficient, report. Approved 17 Jan.

22. The draft of a commission prepared by and directed to the Treasury Commissioners, according to his Highness' Commission for Discoveries of May 23, 1656, to be considered at Council's next meeting.

23. The petition and papers of Sir James Hope, for himself and many poor workers about his mines at Leadhill in Scotland, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

24. Lord Ogilvy, now a prisoner in the Tower, to have liberty to go into Scotland, and stay till further order, on giving security to Sir John Barkstead, in bond for 20,000*l.*, with approved sureties, to give himself up to the said Lieutenant of the Tower, or at any other place in Scotland which he shall appoint, within a convenient time after notice, and meantime to act nothing against this State, and the lieutenant to carry this order out accordingly. Approved 17 Jan.

25. Order that Capt. Thos. Constable have the benefit of his order of 16 April 1656, to receive 4,348*l.* 15*s.* due to him for arrears from ½ of the discoveries he has made or shall make.

26. A grant being made to Col. Thos. Ceely of a lease of Barton Manor and several lands in South Milton, cos. Devon and Cornwall, which he has discovered to be concealed, but which of right belong to his Highness, and he has this lease to try the State's title, which will inolve much expense:—Order that the lease pass gratis, without payment of fees. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 630-636.]

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40. T. Lamplugh to Williamson. Your absence [from college] is dispensed with till Michaelmas, but come sooner if you can. I hope to put you on the first roll for election of fellows. Clem. Ellis and Tim. Halton will be candidates. Private news. Play your cards so that you be no loser by Mr. W[horwood]. Pay yourself, if you can, in France, for little hopes of anything here; his father is the same as he was. [1 *page.*]

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41. Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Sir F. [Norris] and his lady are content with their news. Private affairs. M. Lerpinière has left out of his bill Calvin's works of 9 vols (which I have promised and must have, though I pay him a little more) and other works. I want them, and will send the money for them when the ship comes from Nantes.

Parliament has adjourned for a week, on account of the illness of the Speaker; all the members were summoned to be here this week or forfeit 20*l.* a man. Though Parliament has been so moulded, and so many made incapable, yet Whitehall's expectations are not

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answered. Here has been "Pray and fast," both at Whitehall and the House. We hear our fleet is not successful. Last week a plot was discovered; in the chapel in Whitehall were trains of powder, and other combustibles to fire it, and meantime some desperadoes were to assassinate the Protector. Part of them had taken a house in the road to Hampton Court, whence they were to shoot him with a blunderbus which will carry 30 or 40 bullets. Some are in custody, being discontented army officers and fifth monarchy men.

Nayler at last was sentenced by Parliament, whipped and bored through the tongue here, and now sent to Bristol, where his blasphemies were committed, to ride to the horse's tail through the city, and then to be whipped. The Protector wrote a letter for some moderation, but the House would not hearken to it. We are yet in a doubtful condition, for I think they will not enlarge the taxes. If so, we must strike sail. With French note to M. Lerpinière, bookseller, about the books omitted, which are wanted. [$1\frac{1}{3}$ *pages.*]

Jan. 17. Approval by the Protector of 4 orders, 23 Dec. 1656 to 13 Jan. 1656–7. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 636–7.]

Jan. 20. **42.** Petition of Joanna Scott to the Protector. My husband [Wm. Scott, auditor of imprests in the Exchequer?] has lost by his own fault the office you granted him, which would have maintained me and our child. You, noticing our destitution, gave me an annual maintenance, and this emboldens me to ask, not as a right, but in mercy, the arrears due whilst my husband held the office. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 20. Reference thereon by Council to the Treasury Commissioners. [*I.* 77, *p.* 638.]

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(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1*. The petition of Nicholas Lord Deincourt referred to the Treasury Commissioners, as also the petitioner's case annexed, to examine if the prosecutions against his estate complained of are the same as those from which he was formerly discharged, and to report.

2. Order—on report from the Committee on a paper signed by Capt. Wm. Sheild, concerning words spoken by Jeremy Constable, cornet in Col. Brook's militia troop, in co. Northampton, reflecting on Lord Claypole's honour, and on reading Constable's examination, taken on Dec. 25, 1656—that his Highness be advised to call in Constable's commission as a cornet.

43. 3. Reference of Thos. Scott's demand about the Barge House, Lambeth, to the Admiralty Commissioners, to examine whether any, or what allowance should be made him, and whether in a gross sum or a yearly rent.

5*. The Treasury Commissioners are next Thursday to certify to Council their report on Robert Mason's petition.

7*. The said Commissioners to report this day week on what was referred to them on 17 Dec. concerning Sir John Penruddock's estate, and meanwhile to stay all seizure of the said estate.

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8*. Approval of an order of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, for an augmentation of 50*l.* to the minister of Bissiter, co. Oxford, he being approved by the Committee for Approbation of Ministers.

9*, 10*. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle augmentations of 40*l.* a year on the minister of Stunsfield, co. Oxford, and 50*l.* on the minister of Eltisley, co. Cambridge.

11*. On report from the Committee of Council on a certificate from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, concerning a union between Euston and Heythrop parishes, co. Oxford, and a petition from the inhabitants of Euston against the union, on account of the distance between the churches, yet as the whole matter has been examined, and the union recommended by the Commissioners appointed to enquire into its advantages, and as the said Trustees desire it—order that the union be confirmed according to the above report. Approved 23 Jan.

12*. The petition and papers of Dr. Anthony Tuckney, reader of the Public Divinity Lecture at Cambridge,—praying that the sinecure of Llan-Rayder Amoughnant, cos. Denbigh and Montgomery, may be settled on him and his successors to the Divinity Lecture,—referred to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, to report.

13. Order—on Mr. Secretary's report from the Committee to speak with counsel learned concerning the way of proceeding on matters contained in the examination about the late plot against his Highness' person—that the trial take place forthwith in the Court of Upper Bench, and that the counsel learned prepare what is to be done, and Mr. Secretary consult with them.

14. Next Thursday the report concerning the salaries of the officers attending the Court of Articles to be considered.

His Highness withdrew.

15. To advise his Highness to order that the Articles of Peace concluded between him and Portugal be published by proclamation next Saturday, where and how it is usual in such cases, and that the heralds attend the service, and also the serjeants-at-arms, with their maces, and the trumpeters.

16. Order that a report from the Treasury Commissioners about moneys unpaid in when Sir Chris. Pack, Ald. Avery, and others were Commissioners of Customs be considered on Thursday.

17. Order on Desborow's presenting to Council 3 reports from the Admiralty Commissioners—one concerning 40,000*l.* for present supply of naval affairs, one concerning the building of 6 new ships, and one concerning Spanish prisoners—that Desborow, Lambert, Lord Deputy, Sydenham, and Wolsley consult with the Admiralty Commissioners, and report their advice.

44. 18. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider the case of Susanna Gawdey, of Wareham, co. Dorset, whose husband died in the American expedition, as set forth in her petition and papers, and allow a pension for her and her children if fit, or report.

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20. The petition of Robert Worrall, keeper of Grettam Lodge in Rockingham Forest, co. Northampton, for charges due for his service in apprehending 4 coiners by order of Maj.-Gen. Butler, referred to Pickering, Jones, Sydenham, and Strickland, to report.

21. The Irish Committee to consider the case of Col. Owen Rowe, and the order of the Lord Deputy and Council in Ireland made thereon 28 Jan. 1653-4, and to report.

22. On report that John Boatman, minister of Norwich, whose case was referred 23 Dec. last to Maj.-Gen. Hezekiah Haynes and the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers, has not prosecuted his reference, but has preached at Norwich, pretending authority for so doing;—order that the said Maj.-General and Commissioners, or any 5 of them, of whom 2 are to be ministers, examine the whole business of the charges against him, and report, and meantime he is to forbear preaching.

23. As on 27 Nov. last, the 3 new raised companies under Col. John Hewson were ordered to march and be paid with the 6 new raised companies under Col. Rob. Guibon, but it has since been decided to continue Col. Hewson's own company here:—order that the Army Committee issue warrants for its payment accordingly, and for the payment of the 13 Irish companies in England as formerly. Approved 23 Jan.

24. The number of aldermen in the corporation of Marlborough raised from 5 to 8, who are to be those persons that have borne the office of mayor, *viz.:*

Thos. Hunt.
Wm. Bissett.
Thos. Bayly.
John Bayly.
John Keynes.
Thos. Munday.
Wm. Gough.
Rob. Clements.

The first 5 who were named in the former resolves to be justices of the peace.

In the clause of the former resolves authorizing the mayor to execute all ordinary processes, and to have the return of all writs in the borough except executions, that exception to be omitted. [*I.* 77, *p.* 637-643.]

[Jan. 22.] **45.** Petition of John Light haberdasher, of London, and James Light, ironmonger of Sarum, to the Protector. Our father, John Light, was collector of Green wax 2 years since, under Mr. Cole, then sheriff of co. Somerset, and became bound with others for payment, but fell 400*l.* in arrears. We have paid and secured 200*l.*, wishing to cover anything that might reflect on our father, but the other 200*l.*, most of it due to Sir Wm. Bronker's office, is a burden above our power, as we are young and have families, and our father left us nothing, so that without your clemency we must perish. We beg you to authorize the Treasury Commissioners to treat with Bronker for our discharge, if possible, from the 200*l.*, and to report. With proposal of an order to the Treasury Commissioners to discharge the petitioners' debt of 147*l.* due to Bronker's office, to be abated from Bronker's rent, and to discharge them of other debts to

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Wm. Cole, late sheriff, not amounting in the whole to more than 200*l.* With note that his Highness wishes first to ascertain the opinion of the Treasury Commissioners. 16 Dec. 1656. [1 *sheet.*]

Jan. **46.** Report by the said Commissioners that John Light, sen., owed 147*l.* for issues of jurors, and 50*l.* more which should have been paid to the late sheriff; that the sons are Godfearing men, but of small estates, and fit objects of relief, and that they should have a warrant for a sum to enable them to satisfy the persons to whom they stand answerable. 7 Jan. 1656–7. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 22. Order on the above petition and report, for payment to the two Lights of 200*l.*, to enable them to pay their said debts. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 644–5.]

Jan. 22. **47.** Petition of [Capt.] Rob. Starr and company to the Protector and Council, for letters of reprizal against the enemies, having lost much by the Spaniards and the pirates of Scilly, which they have no other means to recover, and going on a merchant voyage to the coast of Barbary. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 22. Order thereon granting the petition for letters against the Spaniards on the usual security. With the letter of reprisal, 27 Jan. Approved 29 Jan. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 649, 664; *I.* 114, *p.* 61.]

Jan. 22. **48.** Petition of Lionel Beecher, of Bideford, co. Devon, to the Protector. In 1642 I supplied the distressed Protestants in Ireland with victuals, ordnance, &c., value 1,336*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.*, and have only received 332*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.* You ordered me the balance out of monies which I shall discover in the hands of collectors for assessments for Ireland, on which I have spent 260*l.*, but despair of recovering the 933*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* still due that way. I have a wife and 4 children, and have lately lost 4 ships taken by pirates of Brest, so that I shall be ruined unless you order some course for my necessities. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 22. Reference thereon in Council to Strickland, Wolsley, Lisle, and Jones, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 649.]

Jan. 22. **49.** Petition of James, Earl of Home, Sir Jas. Foulis, and many noblemen, gentlemen, and citizens in Scotland, to the Protector. Though you order, 15 April 1656, that any debtor in Scotland who declared on oath that he could not pay from personal estate might pay in real estate, on the valuation of indifferent persons, yet little has been done through fear of alteration by Parliament, and we are much injured by the delay, as the time limited in the Act is near expired. We beg your order to the judges in Scotland to appoint that creditors for more than 1,000 marks shall accept lands for their debts. Signed by Home and Foulis. [1 *sheet.*]

Jan. 22. Order thereon for a letter to the judges in Scotland to quicken them to execution of the order; Lord Lambert to speak to some members of Parliament about it, according to this day's debate, and the letter to be sent or stayed, as they see cause. [*I.* 77, *p.* 650.]

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1. Approval of an order of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, to continue to Alex. Burnett, minister of Tenham, Kent, approved by the Committee for Approbation, the augmentation of 20*l.* a year, paid the late Mr. Wood, their minister. Approved by the Protector, 23 Jan.

2. To advise his Highness to appoint Rob. Griffith a Commissioner for Discoveries, in place of the late Mr. Stirrup.

3. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 300,000*l.* for navy affairs to Richard Hutchinson.

4. Humphrey Blake, treasurer for sale of Prize Goods, to pay into the Treasury what money he has in hand, and continue to do so from time to time in future. Approved 29 Jan.

5. The petition of Col. Peter Stubber, concerning arrears for personal service, for which he prays satisfaction out of lands in Ireland, referred to the Committee of Council on Irish affairs, to report.

6. Order—on report on the petition of Sir Thos. Vyner and Edw. Backwell [*see* 6 *Jan.* 1656–7], allowing them to export 10,000*l.* in pieces of 8, and 50 of the coarsest bars of silver, customs and excise free, on security to import the like quantity in 6 months, and bring it to the Mint in the Tower to be coined. Approved 23 Jan. With the licenses accordingly, 23 Jan. [*I.* 114, *pp.* 58, 59.]

7. Order—on certificate of Auditor Hen. Broad, that John Embree has spent in repair of Whitehall, St. James', the Mews, Westminster, Somerset House, Hampton Court, Greenwich, Windsor, and the Admiralty, from 11 Nov. 1655 to 30 Nov. 1656, sums specified amounting to 13,019*l.* 18*s.* 5½*d.*, which with 3,945*l.* 10*s.* 9¼*d.* bills unpaid, makes 16,965*l.* 9*s.* 2¾*d.*; that he has received 8,000*l.* by Privy Seal, and 107*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.* for old lead; but of the 8,000*l.*, 1,000*l.* was returned to Nath. Waterhouse, steward of his Highness' lands, of whom it was borrowed, and is receipted in his last account, and that therefore the balance due to Embree is 9,857*l.* 16*s.* 4¾*d.*;—that the said sums be paid in part after what is already assigned from the receipts of the revenue in Scotland called property and casualty, and that Jones, Sydenham, Lambert, Strickland, and the Lord Deputy, consider how the residue may best be paid, and what rules should be observed in future about repair of his Highness' houses. Also that they take Embree's accounts from 30 Nov. to the present day, and report speedily, and that he refrain meanwhile from beginning any new work, or providing any new materials. *Annexing,*

50–52. *Certificate of Auditor Broad alluded to.* 10 *Jan.* 1656–7. [2 *pages,* 3 *copies.*]

8. Mr. Embree to forbear beginning any new works or providing new material for repair of his Highness' houses, without special direction from Council, till the Committee for ordering such repairs in future shall report and order them.

9. Order—on reading a report from the Treasury Commissioners, and a draft warrant certified to contain powers expressed in his

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Highness' Commission for Discoveries, of 23 May 1656, to be intended to the said Commissioners (save only for payment of salaries) and that they conceive it will be more satisfactory if it pass under the Great Seal—that it pass accordingly, omitting the clause, "or so much more as you, our Treasury Commissioners, shall think fit to allow."

10. His Highness' letters of Privy Seal, for empowering the Treasury Commissioners to pay Anne, relict of Lieut.-Col. Blunt, a pension of 20*s.* a week till other provision be made for relief of herself and children, to pass, and the money to be paid from time to time without fee.

11. The petition of Dame Mary Stonehouse referred to Jones, Wolsley, Pickering, Mulgrave, and Strickland, to report.

12. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the Earl of Lauderdale such sum as Frost shall certify to be due to him, in arrear of his pension of 5*l.* a week.

13. On reading 2 several certificates from Wm. Hill, auditor, the one certifying that there is due to Edm. Jones, Attorney-general of cos. Pembroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Brecon, and Radnor, in South Wales, on his fee of 8*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a year, for 3½ years ending Michaelmas 1656, 30*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, which is allowed by patent of Feb. 16, 1653–4; and the other certifying that there is due to Thos. Hughes, prothonotary and clerk of the Commonwealth in cos. Glamorgan, Brecon, Radnor, and Monmouth, on his fee of 5*l.* a year, and for the pains of himself and clerks in engrossing and transcribing all fines forfeited at each Great Session held in the said counties before he left them, at 4*l.* a year, for 3 years ending Michaelmas 1656, 27*l.*, which is allowed by patent of 27 Oct.;—Order to advise that the Treasury Commissioners pay the said arrears, and continue the payment of the fees.

14. John Normanton, who has attended on Council's summons of 8 Jan., to be discharged and allowed to return home, and Capts. Thornhill and Burges to enquire into the difference between him and Rich. Brambly, compose it if they can, and if not, certify.

15. The business of the East India trade to be considered to-morrow, and Council to sit in order thereto.

18. To consider to-morrow a petition of the officers and soldiers' widows and orphans, and all others concerned in army arrears for Ireland, before 5 June 1649.

19. The certificate of the Committee for redemption of captives, 13 Jan. 1656–7, referred to Desborow, Sydenham, Strickland, Wolsley, Lisle, and Jones, to report.

20. Order on report of the petition of Alexander, Earl of Murray [*see* 14 *Oct.* 1656], that on his giving security to the Council in Scotland to pay 500*l.* before 1 Feb. 1657–8, the residue of his fine, imposed by the Act of Pardon to the people in Scotland, be remitted. Approved 29 Jan. *Annexing,*

53. *Report alluded to, signed by Fiennes, Lambert, and Strickland.* [¾ *page.*]

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Jan. 22. 21. As the Maj.-General of co. Lincoln is absent attending Parliament, any 4 of the Commissioners of peace of the county are to pursue the reference of 22 Sept. last to the Maj.-General and Commissioners, of the case of Sir John Mounson, for discharge from decimation. Approved 29 Jan.

23. The 500*l.* payable by the Earl of Murray, according to to-day's order, to be applied to satisfy so much out of Scotch fines to the child of late Lieut.-Col. Cobbett; and the 2nd half of 1,405*l.*, formerly due to Col. Horton's child out of Scotch fines to be paid to Cornet John Baynes, and by him to the Colonel's administrator, for the child, either from the remainder of fines, or from what first comes in towards 40,000*l.* fine mentioned in an order of 13 Nov. last, as payable out of confiscated estates in Scotland; and a letter to be written to the Council in Scotland accordingly. Approved 29 Jan. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 643–651.]

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1. On certificate from 4 Commissioners of co. Essex, on a reference of 13 Jan. on Sir Thos. Wiseman's petition, and on a former certificate from the county commissioners, that they have considered the certificate and petition, to the truth whereof some can testify of their own knowledge,—the captain commanding some men then going to Chelmsford telling them that he had gone with his soldiers thither had it not been for the persuasion of the said Sir Thomas, who advised him to come with his soldiers to their timely assistance to Coggeshall, in consideration whereof they consider Sir Thomas a fit subject for his Highness' favour;—order that the county Maj.-General and Commissioners examine the case, and discharge him from further proceedings if equitable. Approved by the Protector.

2. Approval by the Protector of 5 orders, 20–23 Jan. [*I.* 77, *p.* 652.]

Jan. 25/Feb. 4. Bruges. Michell Deane to [Sec. Thurloe.] Last week I was in Holland and missed the post. It was my first error, and I will commit no more. Middleton is not returned from Dantzic, nor do I believe he will do anything to his advantage. Col. Blake is 3 days since returned from the Duke of York, and says he left him in Amsterdam, on his way to the Hague, and so hither. I will not believe it till I see it. His sudden departure hence puts all things in great disorder, for our condition here is very poor, and little hopes of amendment. Our number will not be 2,000, and ill accommodated. The Spaniard begins to frown upon us, for Rochester was found by the Spanish Commissary to muster false, which does much harm to King Charles. He is only allowed 500 firelocks, without any ammunition.

The Duke of York's sudden departure hindered Bristol's going his intended journey, but he is still in France. Ormond is gone to the Duke of York. We are not in the condition you hear we are in.

The Hollanders are preparing their shipping to join the King of Spain against England and France. We hear from Holland that some of their ships met Gen. Blake, and sank him. The Zealanders are mad for war, and will make all their companies full hundreds again. I will answer your letter next post. [1 *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

Jan. 25. / Feb. 4. Paris. **54.** Chas. Perrott to Jos. Williamson, Saumur. I drop the epithet of honest to you, as you disallow it. You call me knight errant, I dare not assume the name of Don, but I would gladly be your esquire, and a trusty Sancho Panza, to follow you in quest of your Dulciana. Your canonizing of saints smells of superstition. Pray remember your dear saint of the Reformation, and do not add new saints to the Calendar of Rome. I wish you were more with us, but you have the Athenian itch, and want me to cure it by Paris news. I would send you the Gazette, but it will only tell you how the King danced, how his guard of 100 gentlemen liked the blue livery, and where the Queen said her Ave Marias. The news from England is of plots and treasons, yea of gunpowder treasons, that would have sent the Protector to heaven in a fiery chariot. Five of his guards are imprisoned as actors in the intended tragedy, but the prime plotter, they say, was Lambert, who was within an inch of execution. This news is in a letter from young De Bourdeaux to his father.

I suppose you have heard of the difference between the King and the Duke of York about Sir John Berkley, the King preferring to leave his brother than part with such a servant. I hear the business is composed, and the Duke returned to Bruges, where the levies go on slowly enough. The Irish expected out of the French army pay their duty in excuses; their answer—especially young Muskerry's—being that they know not how to dispense with their engagement to the French. [1½ *pages.*]

Jan. 26. Navy Office. **55.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. Some months since, divers ropemakers contracted to deliver proportions of cordage for the use of the State, and some of them completed what they undertook, but others are still short of performance, whereby a considerable quantity remains to be delivered. We have often called upon them for a compliance, but without effect, and although it is true there is a clause in their contract that, if payment be not duly made within a month after delivery of every 10 tons, upon application made and notice given to the Navy Commissioners, the contractors are to be at liberty to continue to deliver or to desist, yet the meaning of this was only to secure them against staying in course, and they have never appeared until lately to declare their desire to be dis-obliged, in respect of a non-compliance of punctual payment. Some of them, when they saw the prices of this commodity advance, neglected to take up and pass their bills as they ought, so that the time of payment was past before they presented them. We were resolved to sue them upon their contracts, but upon the representation of some of them who had had their bills signed, that they had used all possible means, and attended several times for payment, but without effect, it was agreed on both sides to refer the whole matter to you. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

55. i. *Copy of the contract alluded to between the Admiralty Commissioners and the ropemakers, for manufacture of* *ropes from good Riga and Queenborough hemp at* 42*l. a ton, payable a month after delivery,* 5 *May* 1656. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 26. **56.** Order in the Admiralty Committee summoning Hen. Hughes, Wm. Pritchard, Rob. Wakelyn, Mr. Bartlett, and Mr. Shakespeere, to appear before them, and give an account of their failure of contract. [⅔ *page.*]

[Jan. 27.] **57.** Petition of Thos. Woodford, merchant, to the Protector. I with others discovered to the Committee for the Revenue 10,000 acres gained from the sea in Kent, and proved the same by two commissions returned into the Exchequer, which Committee entertained the same for the benefit of the State, and settled the sale of the lands to the discoverers for 3,000*l.*, promising them letters patent to be confirmed to them for ever, and referred the business to the Attorney and Solicitor General, Sir Thos. Widdington, and Serjeant Greene for their advice. Sir Thomas and Serjeant Greene were almost ready to certify, when Serjeant Greene died, and no certificate was made. I beg a reference to some others to certify, that further course may be taken therein. With reference thereon to the Treasury Commissioners, 5 Sept. 1654; their reference to Att.-Gen. Prideaux, Sol.-Gen. Wm. Ellis, and Nich. Lechmere, Attorney of the Duchy, 26 July 1655; their report that lands gained from the sea belonged to the King and now to his Highness, but they know not how it will be in the petitioner's case, 1 Nov. 1655; and another report by the Treasury Commissioners that, many persons being concerned in the case, they forbear prosecution till further directions, 29 Nov. 1655. [1½ *pages.*] Also

Petition of Thos. Woodford to the Protector. The land in Kent is 129 parcels, in the hands of several persons; the opinions on the case are now returned; I have spent a large sum for 18 years, in bringing your title to light, and beg ⅕ for my pains, according to the Act of Oct. 1653. With reference, 16 May 1656, to Privy Council. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 27. Order therein that the Treasury Commissioners consider the whole business, and act according to law and justice. Approved 29 Jan. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 658–665.]

Jan. 27. **58.** Petition of Dorothy, wife of Rob. Harding, to the Protector. I petitioned in June last [*see* 14 *Aug.* 1656], for a debt of 1,000*l.* from Sir Phil. Knyvett, detained by Hugh Audley, who vexes me with suits, and detains 8,000*l.* more of Knyvett's which I have discovered, and 5,550*l.* is already adjudged by the Worcester House Commissioners. You granted me 1,000*l.* 9 Sept. out of those discoveries, but my counsel say there is a defect in your order, which may cause a new Exchequer suit. I beg full authority to the Treasury Commissioners for payment, so that all suits may be stopped, and a speedy course taken for bringing in the 5,550*l.* in Audley's hands; also allowance of ⅕th of my discoveries, in which I have been at great expense.

Jan. 27. Order thereon in Council confirming that of 9 Sept. 1656. [*I.* 77, *p.* 662.]

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Jan. 27. **59.** Petition of John Wicker and the owners of the Gillyflower to the Protector. We had a reference to Council on a former petition [*see* 16 *Aug.* 1655], but it has had no effect, on account of the public occasions for money. We therefore beg you to allow payment of our debt, confirmed by Parliament, which, with interest to this time, amounts to 2,200*l.* out of concealed delinquents' estates to be discovered by us. With reference thereon to Council, 2 July 1656. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

59. I. *Bill by Rich. Crandley, of Mark Lane, and John Wicker, of Seething Lane, for use of the ship and goods, with interest for* 8 *years at* 8 *per cent.; total,* 1,916*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*, 10 *July* 1656. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 27. Order thereon in Council, on report from the Committee on the petition,—shewing that goods worth 557*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* were taken from the petitioners in 1644 by the Pembrokeshire Committee, for service of that county, and that the ship was forced to stay 3 months and 26 days at Pembroke, which cost the freighter 150*l.* a month, 580*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* in all; also that during that time the ship and crew gave good assistance to the Parliament forces there, that the goods seized from the ship were the means of expelling the enemy from the county, and that both sums amount to 1,138*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* principal,—that the report be agreed to, and the petitioners paid the principal out of half such discoveries as they shall make of land, money or goods concealed by delinquents, which the Commissioners for Discoveries shall examine, and report what they allow to the Treasury Commissioners, who are to levy the money and pay it into the Exchequer, that the petitioners may receive satisfaction. Approved 29 Jan. [*I.* 77, *pp,* 661, 665.]

Jan. 27. **60.** Petition of Martin Noel to the Protector and Council. Contracted with Capt. Wm. Watts for the transportation of 120 men in the Hopewell for Jamaica at 5*l.* per head; 13 men in excess having been put on board, the captain expects him to pay for them, which he is unable to do, and begs an order for satisfaction to Capt. Watts. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 27. **61.** Like petition. Having shipped several sorts of goods and provisions for the army in Jamaica, the Prize Commissioners for satisfaction thereof were ordered to sell him the Seahorse and Stronghold, formerly belonging to the Dutch, and taken prize for trading to the English plantations, contrary to law. They are now freighted for Holland, but he dares not venture them until condemned by the Admiralty Court; prays order to the Admiralty Judges to pass their condemnation, that the ships may proceed to Holland. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 27. **62, 63.** Reference of these 2 petitions, that of Robt. Browne for liberty to ship out 30 tons of saltpetre, and that of Thos. Winter and others concerning bullion, to the Admiralty Commisioners, to report. [2 *papers; also I.* 77, *p.* 662.]

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1. Mr. Secretary to see it added to the instructions already passed that lands in Ireland be only set out to Protestants.

2. The business of the East India trade to be considered forthwith.

4. A paper from Lord Nieuport to his Highness,—asking for release of the Charity of Amsterdam, bound from Flushing to Portugal, laden with divers goods on account of Balthazer Robyn, citizen of Amsterdam, which fell on the Goodwins, sprang a leak, and having to put into some port, was ordered by the commander-in-chief in the Downs to go to Dover, where she has since been detained, although she belongs to the United Provinces, and was sailing from a free port to a town in amity with this Commonwealth—referred, with the papers, attestations, and examinations annexed, to the Admiralty Court, to speak with the Advocate and Proctor, and with Mr. Dorislaus and the Prize Goods' Commissioners if necessary, and report the whole state of the case.

64. 5. The report from the Treasury Commissioners about moneys unpaid when Sir C. Pack, Ald. Avery, and others were Commissioners of Customs, and the petition from Pack, Chas. Lloyd, and Walter Boothby, with their reasons why they should not be involved in the account, referred to Sydenham, Desborow, Jones, Skippon, Wolsley, and the Lord Deputy, to speak with the parties, report the several cases, and give their opinion. *Annexing,*

64. I. *Treasury Commissioners to Council. Finding a large sum unpaid when Sir Chris. Pack, Ald. Avery, Mr. Lloyd, and others were Commissioners of Customs, we directed the auditor of imprests to perfect the accounts. He made out a joint account, whereupon Pack, Lloyd, and Boothby have sent in reasons why they should not be involved in the account with Avery, who was treasurer, and is alone accountable. We therefore directed the auditor to state the accounts severally, which being done, we ask directions whether to proceed on the joint or several accounts, Jan.* 14, 1656–7. [¾ *page.*]

64. II. *Petition of Sir Chris. Pack, Chas. Lloyd, and Walter Boothby to the Treasury Commissioners. In* 1644, *when Parliament much wanted money, we, with Sam. Avery and Rich. Bateman, were earnestly pressed to advance sums, and for our security were made collectors of the customs brought in by loan on the duties of tonnage and poundage, not then settled in a legal way, with a defalcation of* 15 *per cent. We first declined the service, being fearful of inthralling our estates in Exchequer accounts, but on promise that we should only receive moneys on account, and issue them on orders of Parliament or the Navy Commissioners, which orders should be our discharge, we consented.*

An ordinance passed in Feb. 1644–5 *thereupon, and we lent* 50,000*l. at once, and then sums amounting to* 140,000*l. in all, and our salaries were less by* 6,000*l. a year than formerly given.*

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At first we divided the work, each commissioner taking his own share and keeping his own accounts, and in Aug. 1645, *our accounts were called for, given in, and cleared.*

The Navy Commissioners then wished all the money to be paid in to one treasury, when Avery and Bateman were appointed treasurers, and Avery's son Dudley, cashier, and this continued till July 1649, *when our employment ended.*

Since then Auditor Beale, ordered by Parliament to take our accounts, refuses to take them separately, and urges us to give in a joint account, according to the usual course of the Exchequer, so that if any of us fall short, the debt shall be charged on the other Commissioners, which we think contrary to Parliament's intentions, and the order of the Navy Commissioners, when they settled one treasury; for in case the treasurers fall short, it would be unjust to charge the arrears on us.

We beg your directions to Auditor Beale to pass our particular accounts, and not to involve us in the Treasury account, of which we are wholly ignorant, and to stay the declaring any joint account. [1 *sheet.*]

64. III. *Additional reasons by Pack, Lloyd, and Boothby, why they should not be liable to a joint account with Avery and Bateman. That a promise to the contrary was the condition of their undertaking the business at so small a salary. That the Act of* 8 *August* 1649 *exempts accountants who have discharged their respective accounts from joint accounts. That the settling of one treasury was made contrary to their will.*

That their receipts were only in the Port of London, whereas the treasurers received 60,000*l. from the outports, which never came into their hands, and yet the auditor would charge it on them jointly with the treasurer.*

That joint accounts are injurious to their credit, as they are said to be indebted many thousands, when in truth they owe nothing, but have served to the best of their power, and tried in vain to bring the treasury to an account. [1 *sheet.*]

64. IV. *Petition of Pack, Lloyd, and Boothby to the Protector, to the same effect as that to the Treasury Commissioners. With reference thereon to Privy Council,* 26 *Jan.* 1656–7. [1 *sheet.*]

6. Order on a paper from Mr. Moreland that the Committee for the Piedmontese Protestants have asked for 2,000*l.* of the money collected to be sent at once, that Sir Thos. Vyner and Sir Christopher Pack, treasurers for the money, pay Moreland the 2,000*l.* to send over; and that the above Committee consider if it is fit to send out

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the remainder to repair the walls of Geneva, and for the convenience of the Protestants in other ways, and how much will be wanted. Approved 29 Jan.

7. Lord President, Lambert, Wolsley, and Rous to consider the history compiled by Mr. Moreland about the Piedmontese Protestants, and report their opinion on it.

8. Order on report from the Committee on the Protestants in Piedmont, representing the patient and faithful services of Mr. Moreland in the late negociations, that Lambert, and the Lord Deputy speak with some of the Committee concerning an allowance for him out of the money collected.

9. On a certificate from the Commissioners in co. Somerset that they are fully satisfied as to John Tynt, of Halswell, and his loyalty, that they have had proof thereof in the late insurrection, and that he has offered to lend his Highness 50*l.*, order that the Major General and Commissioners grant his discharge from decimation, without payment of the 50*l.* Approved 29 Jan.

10. Approval of certificates from the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, granting 30*l.* a year each augmentation to the ministers of Mayntree, co. Essex, and Whalley, co. Lancaster.

17. Mr. Hadock, pastor of the congregated church at Nantwich, Cheshire, to be allowed to preach a weekly lecture in the public meeting place of the town, on such day in the week as it is not used by Mr. Jackson, the present minister; the magistrates and inhabitants of the town are to allow it accordingly, and Maj.-Gen. Bridges is to see it done. Approved 29 Jan.

20. On a report from the Committee on the late report of the Admiralty Commissioners, about several complaints from London merchants of hardships and cruel usage to subjects of this Commonwealth now prisoners in Spain, who have no allowance for their subsistence but what is given by their friends, while Spaniards lately taken by us, *viz.*, Don Diego de Villa Alva and M. Del Plato, and their servants, have their liberty, and are daily seen on the Exchange and other public places, to the grief of the above merchants, and also have a liberal allowance for diet, &c.—order that the Serjeant-at-arms deliver the above named Spaniards and their servants to the Marshal-general of the Army, to keep them in custody till they obtain a supply from Spain, or get their exchange for English prisoners there. Approved 29 Jan.

21. On report from the Committee on the late report of Admiralty Commissioners, concerning the necessity of proposing payment of 40,000*l.* to the Navy Treasurer, particularly for the paying of officers and workmen in the several yards, and for disbursements in the Victualling Office for saltpetre and other naval stores—order that towards the 300,000*l.* allowed by Privy Seal for navy expenses, 40,000*l.* be now paid from money arising from the prize plate and money lately taken from Spain on Sir Thos. Vyner and Mr. Backwell's contract. Approved 29 Jan.

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22. Lord Deputy, Desborow, Jones, Sydenham, Wolsley, and Lisle, to consider a supply of money for the new militia forces, and to speak thereon with the Army Committee, and report.

23. On report from the Committee on Francis Willoughby's petition, that he craves allowance of 1,622*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.* as due to his late father, Col. Willoughby, on an order of Parliament of 11 July 1651, for money spent in defence of the Thames during the insurrection in Kent and Essex, and by Council propounded to be paid out of excise in course, with interest; also that by a certificate from the Auditor of Imprest, 2,450*l.* appears due to the petitioner for freight of ships employed in the service in 1644, and that no part of either sum has been paid,—order that the Navy Treasurer pay the 1,622*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.* from money arising on sale of timber ordered for the navy's use, and the 2,450*l.* in the same way as others have lately been satisfied for similar debts, by sale of old and unserviceable shipping. Approved 29 Jan.

24. The petition of the owners and employers of the Poole Merchant, and the Blessing of Poole,—shewing that they have a quantity of salt in Newfoundland, and must send their ships thither on a fishing voyage at their great charge, and praying that their seamen may not be impressed,—referred to the Admiralty Commissioners.

25. The petition of Rob. South, merchant in London,—concerning his great losses, and particularly by the ship Discovery, whereof he was part owner, whose goods were all employed for relief of Munster in time of its great distress in 1645, by which the petitioner lost 964*l.*—referred to the Irish Committee, to report.

28. On petition of Rich. Toomes, cousin of Wm. Toomes, late of Hackney, that being heir, and sued at law for great sums, the writings belonging to Wm. Toomes' real estates, whereof the particulars have been read by Nath. Bacon and Dr. Barnard, may be delivered to him—order that Maj. Elleston, or whoever has charge thereof, deliver the writings claimed by the petitioner to Mr. Jessop to read, and return such of them as concern the real estate to Toomes, and if any case of difficulty occurs, to report.

31. The petition of the Magistrates and Court of Common Council of Glasgow referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

32. Order on report from the Treasury Commissioners concerning salaries in arrear to the Commissioners for managing sequestered estates, to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the Commissioners and officers hereafter named the following sums for their full salary; with a list of the officers and Commissioners for sequestrations, and of the sums due in full satisfaction for service. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 653–664.]

Jan. 27. London. **65.** Rich. Lowther to Williamson. There is no discrepancy between your last to me and that to Mr. Northleigh, except that you mention the close conveyance, which seemed extravagant; but since I hear that you have paid 18 pistoles to the tennis court, which you say you were engaged for, and you wrote me half would suffice, when I could pay; such passages do not argue much reality of the love you profess. My coat is threadbare, therefore do not think to grow rich by me; but write me plainly and downright, directing to Inner Temple Gate, how my moneys are engaged. As to the 30*l.*, my father intends to abate 20*l.* in my brother Leigh's bill, and the 10*l.* is for charges and small arrears. Do not send more such papers as you sent to a good friend of mine. I find it dangerous to rely on any. I would rather wear a patched coat than have my father to know. Mr. Whorwood's father is here, railing against you as a very ill-conditioned man. Let me know how to send money, and I will discharge what I owe there, but I do not owe the limner a penny.

P.S.—Tell me where Norris and Whorwood are, and remember me to my brother Leigh. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 29. **66.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Dispatch of goods. I have got the books, but they had nearly gone back to Nantes for want of a letter of advice. Lamplugh now thinks he shall obtain a pleasant living near Reading.

Our old speaker, Widdrington, is laid aside through infirmity, and Whitelock is in his place. Last week the whole House went to congratulate the Protector on his delivery from the late plot to murder him, and in going up the stairs into the banqueting house, the multitude passing after, the gallery on the top of the stairs fell, and in it 100 people, 20 being members of the House, and among them Lord Richard, the Protector's son, but had little hurt. The solicitor had a leg broken, and some other harms. These 2 days they have sat all day about the Majors General, expecting an Act to confirm them for life, but it is thrown out; they are now at the Protector's pleasure as to continuance. It was supposed those were the principal men that opposed the succession in the Protector's line. We have a day of thanks 13 Feb. for this delivery. [1 *page.*]

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67. Edw. Norris to Williamson. All that I can say about the past 8 days is that I have arrived here alive; love cannot be cured by medicine, and I have suffered much in absence from one who still has my heart. I am glad the gun is not lost, for our cloaks have not found their way to Blois; I was not much inconvenienced. Thanks for your kind letter. My service to Mr. Leigh. [1 *page, damaged, French.*]

[Jan.] **68–70.** Petition of Jas. Hardman, innholder of Lancaster, to the Protector. I had the chief inn in Lancaster, and had goods of great value at its burning by the late Earl of Derby and the Popish party; and the castle not being provisioned, my wines, goods, &c., value 350*l.* were taken for it. I served with 2 servants 6 years, and was provost-marshal of the garrison, and when the Scots invaded, I found more provisions, so that 420*l.* is due to me. By these losses and setting out one son in the army in Scotland, and one in the fleet, my wife and 10 children are in much want; yet my goods are seized for 700*l.* which I owe as agent to the Sequestration Commissioners in the county. I beg defalcation therefrom of what is justly due to

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1656–7. me. With note of reference, 12 July 1655, to Judge Thos. Fell and Major Hen. Porter; their report certifying the truth of the petition, though they are not sure of the amount of the loss, 28 Nov. 1656; and the report of the Treasury Commissioners that they send a certificate of proofs taken by some gentlemen residing near on the case. 31 Dec. 1656. [3 *papers.*] *Annexing,*

70. I. *Account by John Holcroft, deputy-lieutenant of the county and governor of the castle, of the goods and provisions of Hardman carried into Lancaster Castle in March* 1642, *total* 105*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* 21 *Jan.* 1650–1. [1 *column.*]

70. II. *Examination of* 11 *inhabitants of Lancaster, including* 2 *sons of Hardman, Richard and John, giving details upon the several statements in the petition.* 6 *Nov.* 1655. *Signed by Fell and Porter.* [2½ *pages.*]

Jan. ? **71.** Petition of Elizabeth, wife of Jas. Hardman, postmaster of Lancaster, to the Protector. I beg to present to you the certificate and report on my husband's petition; he being infirm and unable to travel, I have made 3 journeys of 180 miles in the depth of winter without satisfaction, and beg speedy relief. [½ *page.*]

[Jan.] **72.** Petition of Rob. Yardley to the Admiralty Commissioners. To the same effect as that presented December last, about his right to the stables adjoining the payhouse, Chatham, but postponed till they should come to Chatham. Begs an allowance for the rent and arrears. [1 *page.*]

[Jan.] **73.** Petition of Dorothy Chiffinch, laundress and sempstress of the body linen, to the King. My predecessor, Mrs. Freeman, was allowed 4 livres a day and a place for washing the linen, and I had 20 sous a day for mending the laced linen, and for making linen, I was paid by the piece, at the rate the Queen set; but when both places were given me, I was content with the 4 livres, sending in bills for the making and mending, but I was to be paid monthly, and have a place for my work, being at great charges in keeping servants to do it. Yet I am more in arrears than any of your servants, and have had to take up money on interest. I beg the arrears, and an order for the 4 livres a day, and the rent of the laundry to be paid monthly. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

73. I. *Bill of Mrs. Chiffinch for hire of a laundry from* 1 *Feb.* 1655–6 *to* 1 *Jan.* 1656–7; *total* 32 *dollars.* [½ *page.*]

[Jan.] **74.** Order thereon for payment of the said bill, and for monthly payments for hire of the like house in future. [*Scrap, in Nicholas' hand.*]

Feb. 2. Declaration of the Protector and Parliament for a day of thanksgiving on Friday 20 Feb.:—

This people, after long contest, are restored to peace and freedom, yet the rancour of many lately designed new troubles, by rising in arms, but they were prevented. Then discontented spirits, called Levellers, arose, who were also discovered and suppressed. Their latest practice has been to unite with the Spaniard, and knowing that God has used the Protector "as a most eminent and principal instrument, and the leader of his people," they conspired to murder him, as appears from their own confession, *viz.*:—

That 4 months since, Miles Sundercomb persuaded John Cecill that it would be a very good service to take off the Protector, and then things would come to confusion, and the people would rise, and that money should be provided.

That they first tried to waylay him on the road, Toop of the life-guard engaging to serve them, and give them notice of his going out, but though they waited 5 or 6 times, they failed.

That then Sundercomb went to Hyde Park to shoot him, but failed. They then took a house at Hammersmith from which to shoot.

That they plotted to fire Whitehall, and placed a firework in it on 8 Jan., between 5 and 6 p.m., with lighted matches, expecting it would have fired by 12.

That Boyes, a principal actor, assured them that when the Protector was dispatched, forces would come from Flanders, in ships hired with the King of Spain's money. That a port town was to be seized, and a large sum would be given for it.

That 30 or 40 men are engaged to take away the Protector's life. That he was to have been shot the first day of Parliament, as he went in his coach, but they were discouraged, because there would be no possible way of escaping. That they hired a house near the Abbey in Westminster to shoot him as he went from the sermon to Parliament, but there were so many people about, they durst not do anything for fear of discovery.

That Sundercomb pretended to be hired by the King of Spain, said he should soon be a colonel of horse, and promised another a troop of horse and 1,500*l.*, and said it was better that Charles Stuart should reign than the Protector. That five beside Toop were engaged in the design.

God so worked on the heart of one of them that he discovered the design to his Highness. For this eminent mercy and other mercies, the Protector and Parliament appoint 20 Jan. as a thanksgiving day, in England, Scotland, and Ireland, in which all are to abstain from labour; the ministers are to read this narrative in their congregations, and pray for the Protector, and those in authority. [6 *pages printed. Col. of Acts, Vol.* 2, *No.* 98, *Rec. Off. Library*, 498, *F.*]

Feb. 2. **75.** Elizabeth, Lady Lowther, to Williamson. I wonder at my letters failing; I sent 3 in 6 months, and my last was in folios, answering every particular as far as my power reached, and I hope seconded by my brother Hare. I trust you have had a bill of exchange for 100*l.*, I will write to my cousin Northleigh about it.

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As to my son's advancement, the narrow compass of his estate will rather contribute to it than hinder it. Let him live low and studiously, redeeming his lost time, leaving his father's errors, and learning such humility and temper as may recover his fortune out of ruin. We send him, not for gallantry, but to contract himself and double his diligence, where he will not meet with so many allurements as at home.

Your letter was not dated, but must have been written lately, because you name our son Richard's return. [1⅜ *pages.*]

Feb. 3. **76.** Petition of the surviving prebendaries, ministers, and members of Norwich cathedral to the Protector. There were sundry moneys and goods due to the late Dean and Chapter, which we cannot recover by law, though they were never sequestered. Having always obeyed the present government, we beg that you will order payment, so that the farmers and others may have no occasion to detain the moneys and goods. With special reference 13 Nov. [1656] to Privy Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

76. i. *List of* 11 *persons, headed by Major Haynes, whom they desire as Commissioners in the case.* [¼ *page.*]

Feb. 3. Order thereon in Council that the said persons requested send for the petitioners and the debtors, accommodate the matter if they can, and if not, certify Council. [*I.* 77, *p.* 667.]

Feb. 3. **77.** Petition of John Seager, yeoman, of Fordington, co. Devon, to the Protector and Council. I have always been faithful, and I and my 2 sons, with our horses, engaged at our own charge against the late insurrection in the West. I have 65*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* due as waggon-master of the artillery train in co. Dorset, and being much decayed in estate, I beg payment. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

77. i. *Certificate by the Commissioners for monthly assessments and disbanding supernumeraries in co. Dorset to the above debt, for service from* 6 *July* 1644 *to* 6 *Dec.* 1646, *being the balance of* 220*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*, *deducting* 100*l.* *paid, and* 55*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* *for free quarter; certifying also to the good demeanour of Seager in the service. Signed and sealed by Ri. Burie, John Whiteway, and* [*Col.*] *W. Sydenham.* [1 *sheet.*]

Feb. 3. Order thereon for payment to him from the ½ of the discoveries of concealed lands, goods, &c., to be made by him, which are to be prosecuted by the Treasury Commissioners. [*I.* 77, *p.* 670.]

Feb. 3. **78.** Petition of Hen. Seymour, prisoner in the Tower, to the Protector and Council. In April last, I was released on bail to render myself on summons from the Lieutenant; I was summoned in September, and went in on 1 Oct., to the injury of health and fortune, both of which are ruined by restraint. I beg to have liberty on bail, or to be committed to the Serjeant-at-arms, where I may hope for such enlargement as shall preserve my life, till you give me a more perfect liberty. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 3. Order thereon that Sir John Barkstead set him at liberty, on security to go beyond seas, not to return without leave, and to act nothing prejudicial to government. Approved 7 Feb. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 671, 691.]

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1. Approval of a grant by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of an augmentation of 20*l.* a year to Wm. Sheldrack, assistant to the minister of Wisbeach, Isle of Ely, and order that a lecture be preached at Wisbeach each Sunday afternoon and Wednesday, and that Wm. Sheldrack be the present lecturer, and be allowed free use of the church or public meeting place. Approved by the Protector 5 Feb.

2. Order that—whereas Thos. Parke left 140*l.* towards maintenance of a weekly lecture at Wisbeach, but the then Bishop of Ely would only consent on condition that it should be preached on holidays—the lecture be preached every 4th Wednesday by Mr. Coldwell, the present, and by the succeeding vicars of Wisbeach, who are to have the benefit of the 140*l.*, the change of day notwithstanding. Approved 5 Feb.

3. Approval of an order of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, that 5*l.* 12*s.*, being the rent of Ardley rectory, should be paid to Benj. Hubbard, present rector, and the arrears to Nath. Carr, for the time that he was minister. Approved by the Protector 7 Feb.

4. Like approval of an augmentation of 30*l.* a year to Peter Johnson, minister of Lawrence, Isle of Thanet, the vicarage being worth only 13*l.* with a house, and an acre of glebe, and the parish containing 1,400 hearers. Approved by the Protector 7 Feb.

5, 6. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle augmentations of 60*l.* a year on the minister of Southmoulton, and one, sum not named, on the minister of Chipping Norton, both co. Devon. Approved by the Protector 7 Feb.

7. The petition of John Freeman, senr. and junr., and Philip Travers, for themselves and other London merchants interested in goods detained and illegally condemned by the King of Denmark, referred to the Navy Commissioners, to report.

9. On petition of the inhabitants of Shenley, co. Herts—shewing that the parsonage of Shenley, in 11 Eliz., by the consent of the then bishop, patron, and incumbent, was let for 99 years at 20*l.* a year, which rent is chargeable with first fruits, tenths, &c., so that the parish is deprived of sufficient subsistence for their minister, he having no maintenance save 50*l.* settled for a lecturer;—order that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers settle on Isaac Loeffe, the minister there, an able and painful preacher, an augmentation of 40*l.* a year. Approved 7 Feb.

10. Clement Kinnersley, wardrobe keeper, to choose out for Sir Wm. Lockhart, ambassador in France, 16 silver dishes, 36 silver trencher plates, and 6 silver trencher salts, from plate provided for ambassadors still left in his charge, and have it new beaten, boiled, and burnished; also 12 large pieces of old tapestry from what belongs to the State, well lined, scoured, and mended, to be sent to France, and to deliver them all by indenture to Lady Lockhart; all to be returned at the end of his employment.

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11. The Treasurers-at-war to send to Dublin 10,000*l.* from the money designed for the forces, beside the 30,000*l.* already ordered, to make up 40,000*l.* for pay of the forces in Ireland, and the Admiralty Commissioners to provide for its transport. Approved 7 Feb.

12. Order on a report about Sir Wm. Lockhart, ambassador in France, that he be allowed 100*l.* a week, and a warrant issued for its payment accordingly, and that 50*l.* be allowed to Mr. Swift, his secretary, for service in his late negociation in France. Approved 7 Feb. *Annexing,*

79. *Report alluded to by a Committee of Council.* [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

13. Order that 200*l.* be advanced to him on his said allowance, towards supporting his expenses.

14. Order on a letter from John Maidstone, Steward of the Household, that the Treasury Commissioners pay him 9,000*l.* for household expenses for the December quarter, from the first money coming in, and consult with the Committee on the household expenses how future payments shall be managed.

16. The money his Highness is advised to pay John and James Light, for reasons expressed in an order of 22 Jan. last, to be 200*l.*, in place of the 147*l.* mentioned in the order.

17. The certificate of the Commissioners for peace in cos. Chester and Lancaster, with articles, depositions, &c., concerning Geo. Middleton, of Leighton, Somerford Oldfield, and others, referred by his Highness to Council, referred by them to Jones, Sydenham, Lord Deputy, Desborow, Mulgrave, Skippon, and Wolsley, to report.

19. The petition of Sir James Hamilton of Orleston, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

22. Order—on petition of the Lord Mayor, some Aldermen, and members of the Court of Common Council of London, who, being in attendance at the door were called in and presented it in person, and on an answer annexed to the propositions of George Boreman concerning the Ballasting Office, and other petitions; and on the Lord Mayor's representing that as Mr. Recorder was not present, the questioning of Boreman should be forborne—that next Tuesday the answers annexed to the Lord Mayor's petition and Boreman's proposal be considered, and a copy of the answer sent to Boreman.

23. Letters were signed according to an order of Parliament of 2 Feb., recommending Council to order the sending abroad of the declaration for thanksgiving through the 3 nations.

26. Whereas at Launceston assizes, on 24 Nov. 1655, Edw. Pyott, George Fox, and Wm. Salt [Quakers], were indicted and convicted for several contempts and misdemeanours, and were fined for the same; Rich. Faireman and Geo. Bayly the same at Dorchester assizes, 24 July 1656; Thos. Boylstone, Priscilla Cotton, and 11 others, at Exeter, 2 Aug. 1656; and John Ellis, and 3 others, at Launceston, 9 Aug. 1656;—order that the clerks of assize for the

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western circuit forbear to estreat the Quakers for any of the said fines until further order. Approved by the Protector 7 Feb. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 665–674.]

Feb. 3 Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to George Monk, Commander-in-Chief in Scotland. His Highness and Parliament having by declaration appointed Friday, Feb. 20, to be set apart as a day of public thanksgiving to the Lord, through the 3 nations, for the mercies therein set forth, Council herewith encloses copies of the declaration, and desires you to order their dispersion to the ministers of the various parishes. [*I.* 77, *p.* 673.]

Feb. 3. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the sheriffs of the English counties. To the same effect. [*I.* 77, *p.* 673.]

Feb. 4. **80.** Petition of the master, wardens, &c., of the parish clerks of London, Westminster, Southwark, and 15 out-parishes, to the Protector. By our charter of incorporation from Henry III., confirmed by succeeding kings, we are enjoined to make and print the weekly bill of mortality, each reporting the christenings and burials in our parishes. But as there are things in our charter inconsistent with the present government, and others defective, we beg a renewal, with alterations and amendments. With reference thereon to Council. [1 *page.*]

Feb. $\frac{4}{14}$. Paris. **81.** G. Stradling to Williamson. I cannot find means to send money to Mr. Norris, and so return it to you. Business affairs. I am going to Lyons, and then to Italy, for the plague has ceased in Rome and Naples, and is not so raging in other places. Mr. Wentworth and Mr. Arundel and his governor go with me. My late travelling companions, my cousin, Tom Stradling, and Mr. Scudamore, have behaved like madmen. Scudamore is in prison for not paying his debts. Details of their ill-conduct.

I have been at the King [of France's] ballet, at which he danced himself; he is a hopeful young man, and in time may make a good "maitre de danse." Other entertainments. I have been searching for old books, but the best I find are the geographical cartes of Sanson and Du Val.

Col. Finch is out of town, but I hear that the King of England and Duke of York are reconciled, the Duke having written very submissively to the King. It is thought that the Dutch are ready to quarrel with the English, but I do not believe it.

Young Whorwood is arrived in Paris; he wants money, &c. [3½ *pages.*]

Feb. 5. **82.** Petition of Thos. Smithsby, executor of his son Thomas, to the Protector. By patent of 9 July 1655, you granted my son the office of clerk of the Privy Seal, which he executed ½ a year, and died, leaving debts and leagacies to pay. I beg his ½ years salary, 75*l.*, and fees. With reference thereon to Council. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 5. Order for a Privy Seal for payment as desired. [*I.* 77, *p.* 681.]

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Feb. 5. **83.** Petition of Fras. Hollis, merchant, to the Protector. I have formerly detailed my losses by dententions of money, &c., for adhering to the nation's interest, *viz.*, 15,000*l.* by the Dutch, French, late King, and King of Portugal, 4,000*l.* of which I fear to lose, with 1,500*l.* interest, because the Articles of Peace with the Dutch are not completed; 2,500*l.* seized in Spain, and 533*l.* lent the Long Parliament; total, 9,000*l.*

I beg in compensation a 99 years' lease of encroached lands in Selwood Forest, returned by inquisition in 1635, with the profits and arrears levied beyond Trent for the King or Earl of Newcastle, and never paid; also 1,000*l.* to better enable me to reap the fruit of your grant. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 5. Order that the 533*l.* be paid out of his discoveries of concealed lands, goods, &c., and ⅓ of all the other residue coming in thereupon, the Treasury Commissioners to order the levying thereof, &c. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 678.]

Feb. 5. **84.** Petition of Alice, widow of John March, to the Protector. My truly Christian husband was delivered from a long and expensive sickness by a pious death, and has left me with 2 small children, weak, and unable to bury him decently without help. I beg relief from your compassion, on account of his integrity in his employment in Scotland, and his readiness to go thither again, had not Providence prevented. With reference, 28 Nov. 1656, to Privy Council. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 5. Order thereon in Council for a warrant to Mr. Frost to pay her 20*l.* [*I.* 77, *p.* 682.]

[Feb. 5.] **85.** Petition of the mayor, aldermen, and citizens of Chester, to the Protector. Randal, Earl of Chester, founded a hospital in the suburbs, with a revenue to maintain 13 poor feeble persons. The mastership has been time out of mind granted by the Kings by patent, and by the late King to Geo. Hope, by whose decease it is void and in your disposal. By neglect or corruption of the late masters or governors, the revenue is much decayed, and the rents embezzled, and thus the hospital ruined. We beg you to have the case examined, and a master appointed. With order thereon that the Major General settle a governor, and that he and the County Commissioners enquire into the case, and certify. 27 Nov. 1656.* [1 *page.*]

[Feb. 5.] **86.** Petition of the mayor, aldermen, and citizens of Chester, to the Protector. On our former petition, touching a decayed hospital, founded by Randal, Earl of Chester, in the suburbs, for relief of the poor, you referred us to the Major General and 3 County Commissioners, who have taken great pains, and drawn up good expedients for establishing it, and the revenue. We beg you to confirm the rules they offer, and to pass a patent for their confirmation. With reference thereon to Council. 10 Jan. 1657. [½ *page.*]

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* The references on this and the following petitions have been counterchanged.—Ed.

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Feb. 5. Reference thereon by Council to any 3 of their members, to consider, and report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 684.]

Feb. 5. **87.** Petition of John Freeman, senr., merchant of London, to Council. By your order of 1 Feb. last, you permitted me to export 50 tons of saltpetre to Amsterdam, and I entered 16 tons 18 cwt. in the Custom House, London, but before I could ship the remainder, the Customs' Commissioners were forbidden, on any pretence, to accept any more entries of saltpetre. Since then the public has been so well supplied that the transport of so small a parcel can do no harm, and I am delivering large quantities of powder weekly by contract into the Tower. As I have been a great sufferer at sea by pirates, I beg leave to export the remaining 33 tons 2 cwt. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 5. Order thereon granting the license requested. [*I.* 77, *p.* 684.]

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(The entries marked thus * were approved in person.)

1. Approval of a grant by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of an increase of 20*l.* beside the 20*l.* already granted to Thos. Harocks, minister of Malden, Essex.

2. Also of a like grant of 50*l.* to Rich. Byfield, to preach weekly to the parishioners of Kingston-on-Thames, and to help to carry on the ministry there by instructing the parishioners.

3. Also of an increase of 30*l.* to Rich. Mayo, minister of Kingston-on-Thames, so long as he remains minister. All approved by the Protector 7 Feb.

4. The petition of Simon Smith and Wm. Amys, of Hunston, co. Suffolk, referred to any 3 of Council, to report.

5. On petition of the mayor, jurates, merchants, and other inhabitants of Dover,—shewing that Henry VIII. founded the harbour there at his own great charge, and it has since been repaired at the public charge, and several Acts of Parliament passed to raise money by an imposition on all the shipping, which, though carefully employed, has proved insufficient; and that unless effectual means be taken to prevent it, the harbour is in danger of being suddenly destroyed by the violence of the sea; also on a letter to Maj.-Gen. Kelsey from the mayor and jurates, shewing the disaster that befel on 24 January through a breach made that morning by the violence of a storm, whereby hardly 3 yards of bank are left to secure the whole from destruction;—order that as Council is informed that 800*l.* belonging to the State is in the hands of Capt. Edw. Ower, of Canterbury, he is to pay the said money to the Commissioners of Dover Harbour for its restoration; and the Admiralty Commissioners to consider what further should be done herein. Approved 7 Jan.

His Highness present.

6.* Order that 3,000*l.* balance still due of 4,419*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* owing to Jas. Boswell for victuals for the Parliament garrisons in Ireland, be paid out of discoveries made by him or on his behalf to the Commissioners for Discoveries.

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7.* Order on petition of the parishioners of Martin's-in-the-Fields that the Trustees for sale of Dean and Chapter lands forbear perfecting the contract made with Charles Rich for purchase of the parcel of ground called Charing Cross till further order; Jones, Lambert, Mulgrave, and Strickland to speak with Rich and the petitioners about this business.

8.* Order that as Miles Sundercomb is committed to the Tower for high treason, and is now on his trial, the Lieutenant of the Tower allow such persons as he desires to come to him in reference to preparing for his trial, in presence of such persons as the lieutenant may appoint, and he is to set a good guard on Sundercomb to prevent his escape.

10.* To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle on Dr. Philip Stephens, master of Hart Hall, in Oxford, an augmentation of 80*l.* a year.

12.* Order—on petition of Stephen Ford, pastor of a church in Chipping Norton, co. Oxon, which is a market town of over 3,000 persons, and has but 22*l.* a year and an augmentation of 36*l.*, which is not sufficient to maintain himself and family—to recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle on him an augmentation which shall bring his whole salary up to 100*l.*

13. The Irish Committee to consider the case of officers and soldiers' widows and orphans and others concerned in arrears to the army in Ireland before 5 June 1649, and report to Council their advice.

14.* Order—on a report in the case of Dorothy, widow of Maj.-Gen. Worsley, after recapitulation of orders of 18 July and 4 Sept. 1656 and 1 Jan. 1656–7—that a lease of so much of the estate of —— Mompesson as shall come to 100*l.* a year clear be granted her for 99 years, and a warrant issued accordingly.

16.* Order—on report on the petition of Katherine, widow of Col. Thos. Cholmley, representing his good services and her poverty and charges—that 56*l.* be paid her to enable her to pay the debt for which her lands are extended, and all proceedings thereon stayed; and that 20*l.* a year be granted her for 99 years from Little Salkeld Manor, returned as part of the estate of the Dean and Chapter of Carlisle, but not yet sold, with the wood thereon, these sums to be discounted from Col. Cholmley's arrears of 1,521*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; the Committee to speak with the Gurney House Trustees how this may be made practicable, and to report. *Annexing,*

88. *Report by Pickering and Strickland, on which the above order is founded.* [*Draft,* 1 *page.*]

88. i. *Katherine Lady Cholmley to ——. I thank you for gaining the first two particulars of my petition, and beg that the remainder may be put into bonds for lands to be sold at Worcester House, or that I may have a lease of lands in Ireland.* 27 *Jan.* 1656–7. [*Scrap.*]

20. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of Thos. Dawson and other inhabitants of Swaffham, co. Norfolk, for

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letters patent for a collection in respect of a fire which happened there last July—that the petitioners be put in the same way of relief as were the inhabitants of Peterborough on a like occasion.

21. The report and papers in the case of Wm. Paul, farmer of prizage wines under Sir Wm. Waller, to be considered next Tuesday.

His Highness withdrew.

22. Order—on a report from the Attorney and Solicitor General on the order of 1 Jan. as to the charter for Chipping Wycombe:

That to the licence for purchasing lands be added a clause not to exceed 100*l.* a year in value.

That the clause forbidding persons to trade unless they have served 7 years, or to sell without license, be omitted. Also that for attaching money in the hand of a third person, and that for removing a suit not exceeding 50*l.*; and that empowering the Mayor and Common Council to appoint times for payment of money, in a suit where a burgess is concerned whom they conceive unable to pay.

The counsel learned to amend the draft as to form and expression.

A warrant to be issued to the Attorney-General to prepare a warrant according to the substance of the draft, with these alterations. *Annexing,*

89. *Report by Att.-Gen. Prideaux and Sol.-Gen. Wm. Ellis, on which the above order is founded.* 28 *Jan.* 1656–7. [1 *page.*]

89. I. *Notes of sundry alterations and additions requested in the said charter, e.g., John Grove to be the first mayor, Geo. Timberlake and Wm. Silver the first bailiffs. The power formerly given for the borough of holding courts of record every* 3 *weeks for cases of debt and damage not exceeding* 500*l. to be extended to Great and Little Missenden and the adjacent parishes, &c., &c.* [2 *pages.*]

89. II. *Certificate by* 22 *inhabitants of Desborough hundred,* 17 *of Hitchendon-cum-Bransfee,* 18 *of Great Missenden, and* 16 *of Little Missenden, that the enlargement of privileges requested by the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of Chipping Wycombe, co. Bucks, with approbation of the Major-General, justices, and gentlemen of the county, and of the freeholders of the adjacent parishes, to arrest and sue therein, will be to their advantage, by an easier, cheaper, and speedier way of suing than in the Nisi Prius county court. Given on an order of Council of* 1 *Jan.* 1656–7, *that the adjacent parishes show reasons to the contrary within* 14 *days.* [1 *sheet.*]

23. The clerks of Council to state the case on the petition and papers of Abr. Johnson and others, claiming satisfaction for discovery of the silver ships, and present it to Council by next Thursday.

24. A stable to be built in the Mews for the captains and lieutenants of his Highness' lifeguard, and Lambert and Jones to

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view the place, and report how many horses it will be fit to provide for.

27. Order on a report from the Committee for Trade on the petition of the framework knitters [*see* 27 *Dec.* 1655] that a patent be granted incorporating them by the name and with the powers mentioned in the said report, and that the counsel learned prepare a patent accordingly. *Annexing,*

90. *Report alluded to, giving* 13 *heads of a proposed charter for the incorporation of the master, wardens, and assistants of the framework knitters.* 13 *April* 1656. [4 *sheets.*]

29. John Birch and 5 others, who were ordered 10 Aug. 1655 to pay to Col. Wroth Rogers the balance in their hands of what was raised in co. Hereford for the service, when the Scots' army was defeated at Worcester, are to pay all such sums, or account to Council for not doing it.

30. Order on the representation of John Rushworth and Wm. Rowe, Registrars of the Admiralty Court, on Council's order of 18 Dec. 1656, to certify the total amount received by the deputy-registrar between the death of Mr. Wyan, late registrar, and Council's determination about Hugh Potter's claim,—they representing that from March 17, the date of Wyan's death, to Aug. 31 1654, the date of their patent, the deputy registrar received 523*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* above rents, taxes, &c., and still holds it; and that Edmond Arnold, clerk examiner, holds 24*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; that from this the deputy-registrar's allowance is to be paid as actuary for 5 months 14 days, and also Arnold Crane, who was busily employed in winding up causes depending at the end of the Dutch and French wars, should have some allowance for the same interval; and that the profits of the office from Sept. 1654 to 1 Jan. 1656–7, *viz.*, 2 years 4 months, are 987*l.*, or about 423*l.* a year—that the registrar and clerk examiner pay over the said sums to Rushworth and Rowe, for their own use, and that they allow the deputy-registrar and Arnold their just dues. Approved 7 Feb.

91. 31. To advise the Admiralty Commissioners to give warrant to secure the mariners of the Endeavour of Portsmouth, *i.e.*, 5 men and a boy, from impress, as they are engaged to carry some deer from the Earl of Warwick to Lord Robartes in Cornwall.

32. The order of 4 Sept., that the Worcester House Trustees should receive the debentures granted by the County Commissioners to the officers and soldiers under Col. Jervais Benson, in Westmoreland, vacated, and the Worcester House Committee ordered to audit and state their accounts, and give debentures for the arrears, which are to be transmitted to the Trustees for sale of the King's lands, who are to receive them, and give out bonds which are to be accepted on the purchase of Crown lands, in like manner with those given to the rest of the army. Approved 7 Feb.

33. The order of 25 Dec. 1656, for the Army Committee to transmit to the Trustees for sale of Crown lands duplicates of the debentures belonging to 360 men of his Highness' regiment at

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James's, to be put by them into bonds, vacated, and the Army Committee are to deliver the debentures to the Committee for stating the accounts of the soldiers, who are to receive these and other debentures not returned to the Army Committee, audit and state the accounts, and give debentures for the arrears due, on which the Trustees for sale of lands are to give out bonds to be accepted on purchase of any of the said lands. Approved 7 Feb.

34. A like order of 25 Dec. last, in reference to Maj. Wm. Hill of Guildford's debentures for 1,100*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, for his arrears stated by the Commissioners for Monthly Assessments and disbanding Supernumeraries, vacated, and the Worcester House Committee to state his accounts and give debentures, on which bonds are to be given as in the preceding order. Approved 7 Feb.

38. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 3 Feb. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 675–689.]

Feb. 6. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

6. Order in the case of Wm. Paul, farmer of the prizage of wines, and the several papers thereon, that as the question whether custom shall be paid for the prizage is a matter of right, Paul be left to take his course at law. [*I.* 77, *p.* 690.] *Annexing,*

92. *Order in the Committee for Public Revenue that Sir Thos. Widdrington, Serjeant John Green, the Attorney-General* [*Prideaux*], *and the Attorney of the Duchy* [*Barth. Hall*] *consider the Acts of Parliament, and certify whether Sir Wm. Waller, fee-farmer of the prizage of wines and butlerage of England, should by law pay customs for the said prizage; the farmers of customs to attend the Council thereon. Westminster,* 20 *Jan.* 1654–5. [⅔ *page.*]

92. I. *Report on the said order. On hearing of Sir Wm. Waller and his counsel, and of Col. Harvey, a Commissioner of Customs, and considering the Tonnage and Poundage Acts, we find that those Acts relate only to merchandize, and that prizage wine being a custom, and the wine the very duty, it is not accounted merchandize, nor liable to custom.*

We did not find any subsidies for prizage wines (*till of late*), *but we respited our opinions till the accounts of the late farmers of customs were perused, it being represented that they had obtained an abatement for the prizage of wines. But we did not find any such allowance in their last account of* 1638, *so we consider that Sir Wm. Waller ought not to pay customs for any prizage wines granted him.* [1 *page copy, certified* 24 *Feb.* 1654–5.]

92. II. *Report by Col. Mackworth* [*and other Treasury Commissioners*] *on the petition of William, son and executor of Wm. Paul, farmer under Sir Wm. Waller, for freedom from customs for the prizage of wines in London and the*

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western ports—that the prizage of wines has been paid to the Kings and Queens and their farmers, and allowed by Acts of Parliament, especially in one prepared by the Long Parliament, though not passed, because the King refused to pass the preamble. The duty was devised by King James to Lady Anne Waller for 99 years or 3 lives, at a rent of 500l., and under this lease petitioner claims. The question was before the late Public Revenue Committee, and by them referred to Council. On their report, we think the farmer should be exempted from payment of custom, and orders accordingly sent to the Customs' Commissioners. 24 *May* 1654. [1½ *pages.*]

92. III. *Order on the Committee of Council to whom the report of the Treasury on the petition of Wm. Paul was referred—that having consulted the Customs' Commissioners and Mr. Waller, they think the case one of law, and that in case Council do not determine the matter, they refer it back to the Treasury Commissioners.* 8 *Jan.* 1656–7. [1 *page, draft.*]

Feb. 6. Westminster. **93.** Nath. Fiennes and John Lisle to Robert Earl of Holland. Hen. Fleetwood and other complainants desire that you should be warned to appear in Chancery, to answer to a bill against you, and therefore we give you notice by this letter, according to the manner used to persons of honour, desiring you to give order to those whom you employ for your appearance and putting in your answer on 12 Feb. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 7. Approval by the Protector of 17 orders, 3–5 Feb. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 690–1.]

Feb. 9. **94.** ——— to ———. The party has sent several times to Mr. Rayes about the business, but can hear nothing of it. I shall send him this evening, in confidence that after so many promises you will send to Mr. Rayes, near Temple Bar, for Mr. Dickenson of the Middle Temple; otherwise I shall trouble you no further about it. Endorsed. A letter upon which, by Mr. Secretary's order, I delivered 200l. to Mr. Rayes. [⅔ *page.*]

Feb. 9. 3 Pigeons, Paul's Churchyard, London. **95.** Gerard Langbane to Williamson. I am glad you have fallen upon a son of Woolley Leigh, my intimate acquaintance when in college. As our college statute requires that all whom we choose into our society be Masters of Arts, I advise you to take the degree of licentiate at Saumur, and send me over an instrument of it, and a certificate of the University. Charles, son of old Sir Hen. Vane, had such a one 18 years ago, on which he was admitted *ad eundem* at Oxford. Thus you will be in capacity to be elected in convenient time, your absence notwithstanding, though I shall not consent for you to have any allowance till you come and are admitted in person. I cannot yet promise to gratify M. Amirault's desire about the Bible, as the 5th volume is not finished, but I hope in time to gratify so reverend and deserving a person. [1 *page.*]

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Feb. 9. **96.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Private affairs; purchase of clothes, books, &c. Lamplugh has been so tossed between Westminster and Reading that I think he will decline it. The Majors General are voted down, which makes discontent in the army. There will now be no great opposition why the Protector may not be King; 400,000*l.* is granted towards war with Spain. Mr. Barlow hopes to get the Archbishop of Armagh's vast library conferred on the public. Our thanksgiving day is not till 20 Feb. Before then, the principal actor [in the late plot], one Sundercomb, a discontented officer under trial, will suffer. It is thought the Protector will pardon his confederate, Cecill, who confesses the plot. A good ship going to Jamaica was taken by the Dunkirkers. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 10. **97, 98.** Petition of Laurence de Guores, and other subjects of the King of Sweden, to the Protector, for restoration of 159 pieces of ordnance taken in a ship during the wars with Holland in 1653, and brought to London as prohibited and contraband goods. With note of the guns. [2 *papers.*]

Feb. 10. **99.** Reference thereon in Council to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report. [½ *page; also I.* 77, *p.* 695.]

Feb. 10. **100.** Petition of Hen. Pawling, Mayor, the Aldermen and Common Council, the Governor and Company of Merchant Adventurers, and the Masters and Brethren of the Trinity House of Newcastle on Tyne, to the Protector and Council. We have suffered from Spanish men-of-war which took our ships, and keep our men captive, and we hear that some Dunkirk pirates have been sent on purpose to entrap ships employed in trade from this port, unless provision be made for convoy of the vessels trading between Newcastle, Holland, Hamburg, and the Baltic Sea. We beg help, and an order to the commanders of the convoy to observe such directions as the mayor and governor shall issue to them. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 10. **101.** Order that the Admiralty Commissioners appoint ships to protect that trade, as desired, and give order as far as possible according to the above petition. [1½ *page; also I.* 77, *p.* 677.]

Feb. 10. **102.** Petition of the messengers and serjeants'-deputies attending Council to Council, for a privy seal for paying the warrants signed by his Highness for their quarter's salary ending 29 Dec. last. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 10. Order thereon to request a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 1,750*l.* for Council's contingencies, which he is to apply to paying the warrants of the messengers, &c., attending Council for the last quarter. [*I.* 77, *p.* 699.]

Feb. 10. **103.** Petition of Ant. Cooke, late serjeant-quartermaster in Capt. Place's troop, in Col. Morgan's regiment of dragoons, to Council. I served from 1649 to Worcester fight, where I was sore wounded, and my cure cost me much. Then I went to Ireland, but the friend whom I requested to look after my arrears has not done so. I have 11*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.* due, and have applied to the Army Committee, but they cannot pay me without your order, which I beg. [1 *page.*]

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Feb. 10. Order thereon that this sum, or as much as the Army Committee allows, be paid from such part of the 150,000*l.* assigned for arrears due to the army for service in Scotland between 20 May 1650 and 20 Oct. 1651, as is now remaining in the hands of the late Treasurers-at-war, to whom a warrant is to be issued accordingly, the order of 24 Aug. 1655, limiting payments to 25 Dec. 1655 notwithstanding. Approved by the Protector 19 Feb. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 700–722.]

Feb. 10. **104, 105.** Petition of Sir John Savill to the Protector. In 1649 I was appointed high sheriff of co. York, and passed my account in 1652 and received my discharge, showing that 264*l.* 10*s.* 9½*d.* is due to me. I beg a privy seal for payment. With reference 25 July 1656 to the Treasury Commissioners to certify, and their report in favour of payment 31 Dec. 1656. [2 *papers.*] *Annexing,*

105. I. *Certificate by Sir Hen. Cooke, clerk of the pipe, that he served a year, and has* 264*l.* 10*s.* 9½*d. due.* [*Parchment.*]

Feb. 10. Order thereon in Council ordering the payment without fees. [*I.* 77, *p.* 701.]

Feb. 10. **106.** Petition of the well affected of St. Botolph's without, Aldgate, London, to the Protector. Having divers years enjoyed the labours of John Simpson as lecturer, and finding his ministry a blessing to us, and of great advantage towards the maintenance of our numerous poor, we beg that he may be allowed to lecture one part of the Lord's day, and one day in the week. 62 signatures, 6 being by mark. [2 *sheets.*]

Feb. 10. Order thereon revoking the former order about Mr. Simpson, and allowing him to preach at Aldgate on Lord's day afternoons, and one week day; the incumbent to yield obedience thereto. [*I.* 77, *p.* 701.]

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(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1. A paper from Alderman John Frederic, about the Crowned Herring of London, referred to Montague, Jones, Lisle, Pickering, and the Lord Deputy, to consider and advise.

2, 3,* 4. Order—on his Highness' approval of last Friday's order concerning management of the East India trade by a united joint stock, exclusive to all others—that it be so managed, and the Committee on the charter of the East India Company to meet to-morrow afternoon.

5. The petition of James, Earl of Abercorn, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

6. A letter from Gen. Monk, dated Dalkeith, 3 Feb. 1656–7, read.

9. Order on reading articles exhibited against Leonard Carr, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, that Luke Kellingworth, Hen. Ogle, Hen. Horsley, John Ogle, and Capt. Toppin, governor of Tynemouth, learn the truth of the articles, and report.

10. The petition of the Levant Company, complaining of interruptions to trade in the Straits by the piratical fleets of Tripoli and

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Tunis, referred to the Admiralty Committee, to consider seriously; all the members of Council who are members of that Committee to attend the debate.

13. Lambert, Sydenham, Lord Deputy, Desborow, and Montague, to receive what is offered concerning Portland castle, and report their opinions.

14. Order—on a letter from Major John Pitson, governor of Portland Castle, and a certificate from James Dewy and Geo. Pley concerning its defects—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Pitson 50*l.*, *viz.*, 44*l.* for repair of the Castle, and 6*l.* for the guard who conveyed the Earl of Lauderdale from thence to Windsor Castle.

15. The requests of Sir Wm. Waller, on behalf of Wm. Paul, farmer of prizage wines, who was left to his course at law about paying customs, *viz.*,—that the taking of customs be forborne meantime; that if he gain his cause, he may defalk the customs already paid from his rent, and that he may give security for the customs, in case the trial goes against him,—referred to Sydenham, Jones, Lisle, Pickering, Wolsley, Lord Deputy, Mulgrave, Montague, and Strickland, to report.

16. Order on report from the Treasury Commissioners concerning the estate of Rob. Mason, that Wm. Sedgwick treat with Mr. Hussey about a sum to be paid as compensation for Mason's estate, consulting with the Treasury Commissioners, who are to advise with Sedgwick, and report.

17.* Rob. Mason to be allowed to come over to England, on agreement made with Mr. Hussey.

18. The petition of Sir Alex. Inglish, of Eggleston, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

21. The report from the Admiralty Commissioners—representing on what grounds it might not be convenient to alter the course of trade by appointing a consul at Tetuan, on the coast of Barbary, and yet that it might be very convenient for victualling the fleet that there should be a providore there; that Nath. Luke is a fit person, and that Gen. Blake might commission the captains of the fleet sent there to treat with the governor or magistrates of the town for articles of free commerce—agreed with, and the Admiralty Commissioners to prepare such instructions for Luke, and such rules as may make the latter part of the report practicable and advantageous. *Annexing,*

107. *Certificate by Capt. Rich. Badiley, that when he was in the southward expedition, under Gens. Blake and Montague, the governor of Tetuan urged the Generals to have a public minister, to maintain a good correspondence between his subjects and our fleet, and that if none be appointed, he will be much displeased; and then, as during the difference with Spain our ships must go there to water, they will not order their garrisons to secure our men, but leave them to be destroyed and carried*

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captive up into the land, and there will be also loss of time in the watering.

Any public minister employed as providore, could within 4 *or* 5 *days buy oxen half as cheap again as in England, and could supply other refreshments. I recommend Nath. Luke, who has traded to and lived in Tetuan, to be employed as salaried provider.* 29 *Dec.* 1656. [1¼ *pages.*]

107. i. *Certificate by Capt. R. Badiley, that when the fleet was in Tetuan last Midsummer for fresh water, &c., the governor treated them very courteously, letting them have what the country could afford, and sent a messenger to the Generals to request articles to be interchangeably ratified between them and him, and to have a public minister from England to whom to complain in case the English did any injury. The Generals excused themselves on account of haste, but I think it most necessary (during this breach with Spain), that an agent, consul, or provider should be sent, or they of Tetuan will be ill-disposed to our fleet, and delay them, whereas with a minister, they might soon have water, and* 400 *or* 500 *head of oxen. "My house in Wapping."* 3 *Jan.* 1656–7. [1½ *pages.*]

107. ii. *Adm. Edw. Montague to the Lord Deputy of Ireland. I hear of an application made to you about an agreement to be made with those of Tetuan, on the coast of Barbary, within the Straits' mouth. I knew something of the place last summer, and think it very convenient to be done, both for our merchants, who have a pretty trade there, but no ground of security (more than confidence in the fair dealing of the inhabitants), which discourages them from living in the city; nor have they such privileges as they might, on a capitulation and the settling of a consul there. It would also be useful to the State, this being the chief place in the Straits for our ships to water or victual at. It would be well for us to be free to do this, for now it is wholly loose, and though we had the benefit of it last summer, yet we often, when we sent for water, had to wait for a license from the governor, and to give him a present. A consul would transact business for the fleet.*

When we were there, the governor of Tetuan much wanted an agreement for commerce, but our haste to return to Cadiz hindered a conclusion; hereafter there will be opportunity for it, if Gen. Blake be put in mind to effect it.

I hear that Mr. Luke, a son of Sir Sam. Luke, is commended to you for employment there. I think him a fit person, and have heard Vice-Admiral Badiley commend him much. When we were at Sally, we had thoughts of

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employing him in the like condition, if the peace had been concluded. Hinchingbrook. 10 *Jan.* 1656–7. [2 *pages.*]

107. III. *Certificate by Capt. Rich. Badiley in favour of Nath. Luke, of whose honesty and ability he has had* 5 *years' experience, as agent for Tetuan, having negotiated with the governor, and traded among the people.* 15 *Jan.* 1656–7. [¾ *page.*]

107. IV. *Answer of the Levant Company to the Admiralty Commissioners. On your request for our opinion as to the establishment of a consul at Tetuan, on the coast of Barbary, we offer—*

That Tetuan being no port, but an open road exposed to contrary winds, there can be no great hopes of further trade than is already exercised by the inhabitants repairing for barter to the ships, and this avoids the paying of custom. This privilege would, we fear, be lost by landing goods there, and they would be insecure in a place where there is no appeal to any superior jurisdiction, Tetuan being subject, not to the Grand Seignior, but to the King of Morocco, with whom the State has no trade capitulations. We therefore think that it will be better to continue the practice of trading on shipboard, and that there is no need of a public minister. Signed by M. Evans, Sec. [¾ *page.*]

107. V. *Report of the Admiralty Commissioners on a reference of* 8 *Jan.* 1656–7, *that they agree with the above answer as to a minister at Tetuan, yet think it would be advantageous to the fleet to have a provider of victuals there, and that Nat. Luke is a suitable person.*

Also they think that Gen. Blake should be empowered to give commission to such captains as are sent to Tetuan to treat with the governor or magistrates on articles necessary for maintaining free commerce and trade. 10 *Feb.* 1656–7. [¾ *page.*]

22. A certificate from the Commissioners of Discoveries,—about the concealment and detention of ancient duties called proxies and synodalls, arising out of manors, parsonages, &c., and payable to the late archbishops, bishops, archdeacons, &c., and a paper signed by Col. Ben. Norton, Wm. Murford, and Maurice Gardiner, of reasons why the county sheriffs should not have the collecting of moneys due thereon, but they should have particular collectors;—referred to Desborow, Sydenham, Jones, and Lambert, to report. *Annexing,*

108. *Report by Ra. Hall and* 4 *others, detailing the discovery of the said concealed duties by Wm. Murford, merchant of Norfolk, and the results of their enquiries therein.* 12 *Aug.* 1656. [3 *sheets.*]

108. I. *Reasons by Col. Ben. Norton, &c., why the said duties should have particular collectors.* [1 *sheet.*]

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23. Whereas Nich. Lockyer was ordered 2,500*l.* out of his discoveries, in lieu of 200*l.* a year out of Dean and Chapter lands, but his discoveries have not taken effect, Lambert, Pickering, the Lord Deputy, and Strickland are to think of some other fit way by which a part of it may be speedily advanced to him, and report.

25. The petition of Sir Job. Hardy, referred by the Protector to Council, referred to Lambert, Lord Deputy, Mulgrave, and Strickland, to report.

26. 5*l.* a day to be allowed to Lord Commissioner Whitelock, the present Speaker, above what was allowed to Lord Commissioner Widdrington as Speaker. Approved 19 Feb.

27. Jessop to present at the next sitting of Council a breviate of the arrears certified to be due for service at Jamaica, for which order is not already taken.

29. The petition of Maj. Geo. Walters referred to the Irish Committee, to report.

30. The letter of Capt. Geo. Watkinson and others to Maj.-Gen. Lilburne, concerning securing Sir Edw. Widdrington and other gentlemen of Northumberland, with their papers and examinations, also Sir Edw. Widdrington's petition, referred to Lambert, Maj.-Gen. Lilburne, and Maj.-Gen. Howard, to report their advice.

32. Order on information by Ralph Rymer, receiver for co. York, and other commissioners for the peace of the county—that Sheffield Stubbs, in Easter term, 1652 procured a judgment on Allerton, and Mauleverer Manors and Park, then in possession of Sir Thos. Mauleverer and against Sir Rich. Mauleverer, for 100*l.* debt and 40*l.* damages, which manors, &c., on 6 Sept. 1655 were delivered him by John Bright, late high sheriff, so that the premises are in danger of distress, and the payment of the rent to the Commonwealth obstructed—that the Treasury Commissioners examine into the debt, speak with Maj.-Gen. Lilburne, and certify what the total amounts to, that the State may be freed from this incumbrance.

109. 33. Thos. Simons being ordered to provide a seal for the County Palatine of Durham, the cost of which will be 30*l.*, 15*l.* is to be at the State's charge and paid out of the profits that accrue by the court of the said county.

35. Order on a paper from John Wale, warder of the Tower, concerning Major Henry Norwood and Capt. Rich. Dutton, his prisoners, their poverty and disability to maintain themselves, and their keeper's disbursements for their maintenance—that Sir John Barkstead certify to Council the state of the said prisoners, and the demands of the keeper.

Feb. 10. Whitehall. The Protector Cromwell to Lord Henry Cromwell.

"Sonne Harry."

Col. Symon Rugely, the bearer hereof, has been very active in the cause of the Commonwealth, almost to the ruin of his estates, which in spite of his endeavours, and something determined by us, he has been unable to repair, or get satisfaction for considerable debts owed for personal service. We therefore recommend him to you as well qualified for some employment in Ireland, whether civil or military, and desire you to give him a lease of convenient lands there for him and his family to settle on at once, and if you have no employment for him at once, wait for a vacancy. [*I.* 77, *p.* 963.]

Feb. 10. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the sheriffs of the respective counties. Having, by the enclosed declaration, appointed 20 Feb. as a day of public thanksgiving throughout England, Scotland, and Ireland, for mercies therein set forth, we desire you to distribute the copies of it sent herewith to the ministers within your jurisdiction, to use as therein directed. With a list of the counties, cities, and towns, and note of the numbers of declarations to be sent to each. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 965–6.]

Feb. 12. **110.** Petition of John Lord, gunner in the Tower to the late King, to the Privy Council. Is aged and sickly, and has long attended in a deplorable condition to recover the debt of 82*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* due to him [*see* 4 *Sept.* 1655]. Begs payment out of such discovery as he may make on the Act of 7 Oct. 1653. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 12. Order thereon in Council that the 80*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*, which by Fauconberg's certificate of 2 Sept. 1654, is due to him, be paid out of his discoveries; the Treasury Commissioners to take order for levying them, and certify what is brought in thereon. [*I.* 77, *p.* 709.]

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1. Approval of the augmentation advised by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, of 12*l.* for the schoolmaster of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, co. Dorset. Approved by the Protector 19 Feb.

2. Order on a report on the estate of John Penruddock [*see* 17 *Dec.* 1656]—that his estate in co. Wilts, being but for life, fell to the next in reversion; that in Wiltshire he has Hethleton Farm, worth 120*l.* a year, that his personalty is 399*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.*, of which 199*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* is paid in, and the rest to be paid this term, and that he left a young son and 5 daughters unprovided for—that the 200*l.* unpaid of his personalty be pardoned, and paid to Arundel Penruddock, the widow, for the 6 younger children. *Annexing,*

111. *Report alluded to, signed by Montague and Sydenham.* 6 *Feb.* 1656–7. [1 *page.*]

111. I. *Deposition of Seymour Bowman that there is no provision for the younger children, the estate co. Wilts being settled on the wife for jointure and the eldest son, and the lease of Hethleton Farm settled for* 30 *years to pay debts of* 2,600*l. exceeding its value, and the reversion in fee forfeited.* 4 *Feb.* 1656–7. [*Parchment.*]

3. The petition of Pat. Gillespie, principal of Glasgow University, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

4. That of Mary Sankey, widow, and the certificate from the Sequestration Commissioners, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

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5, 6, 8, 9. Approval of the following augmentations advised by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers:—

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Hen. Butler, St. Nicholas, Warwick - - -	30
— Venner, Mary's, „ - - - in lieu of 50*l.* paid formerly.	30
Hen. Townley, Litlington, Cambridge - -	35
Minister of Steeple Mardon, „ - -	25
„ Tadlow, „ - -	17
„ Gilden Marden, „ - -	22
Schoolmaster, Basingbourne „ - -	9

All approved by the Protector 19 Feb.

7. Mr. Blower appointed public minister at Woodstock, co. Oxon, the augmentation of 60*l.* to be allowed to him as to his predecessor, and the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to order its payment accordingly. Approved 19 Feb.

10. Order on petition of Wm. Beale, minister of Stow-on-the-Wold, co. Gloucester, and other inhabitants—shewing that the parish church is so decayed that they cannot worship there in wet or stormy weather, nor at any time without danger, and that the best place to use as a substitute is the school house, which is not used on Sundays—that the said minister and inhabitants have liberty to meet in the school house on Sundays till further order, if they do no detriment to it, and Thos. Peirly, schoolmaster, and others concerned, are to allow it accordingly, and the inhabitants to take order to repair their church speedily. Approved 19 Feb.

11. The report from the Committee of Council on the Quakers in Sussex [*see* 6 *Jan.* 1656–7], referred to Pickering and Desborow, to speak with Maj.-Gen. Goffe thereon. *Annexing,*

112. *Report alluded to,* 12 *Feb.* 1656–7. [½ *page.*]

15. The Admiralty Commissioners to take effectual order for the delivery of the arms ordered 25 Nov. and 2 Dec. last, for the militia forces raised by Col. Hen. Smith in co. Oxon.

16. The 500 barrels of powder ordered on Oct. 1 to be sent to the forces in Ireland to be now sent, also 1,000 firelocks with works, 2,000 matchlocks with works, 1,000 collars of bandoleers, and 4 gynn ropes, and the Ordnance officers to arrange with the Admiralty Commissioners to send them in fit ships with a convoy, and give in duplicate indentures of the said lading, to transmit to the Council in Ireland, to enable them to demand the same as what is put aboard here; and if the Tower stores need replenishment to meet this and other demands, the Admiralty Commissioners are to contract for their supply accordingly. Approved 19 Feb.

17. The petition of John Machon, clerk, concerning the mastership of Sherborne Hospital, near Durham, referred to Wolsley, Sydenham, Jones, Strickland, to report.

113. 18. The Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a convenient ship to transport Lady Anne Montague, her attendants, and necessaries to France.

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19, 20. Approval of the augmentations of 50*l.* to Ralph Hall, minister of Newcastle-under-Lyne, co. Stafford, and of 18*l.* to Rich. Haberly, minister of Longstanton, co. Salop, recommended by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers. Approved by the Protector 19 Feb.

21. Order—on report from the Committee on Lionel Beecher's petition [*see* 22 *Jan.* 1656–7], that he has only received 70*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.* though he discovered sums due on assessments, &c., amounting to 1,131*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*, which the Army Committee have certified to be recoverable debts, but they are scattered in remote parts, Wales, Cornwall, Suffolk, &c., and therefore that the balance of 933*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* should be paid from the Exchequer—that a warrant be drawn accordingly, vacating the former privy seal for 1,004*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.*, and that the Treasury Commissioners cause prosecutions for the sums discovered, and bring them in. *Annexing,*

114. *Report alluded to on which the order is founded.* [1 *page.*]

114. I. *Army Committee to Col. Phil. Jones. We believe the debts in the list you sent are justly due, and may be recovered on proceedings at Westminster,* 11 *Feb.* 1656–7. [⅔ *page.*]

22. Order—on report from the Committee on petition of Robt. Worral, keeper of Grettam Lodge, Rockingham Forest, co. Northampton, who apprehended at great personal hazard 4 notorious coiners, and defrayed their charge while they stayed at his house before their legal conviction, and also apprehended 6 notable highwaymen—to advise an order to pay him 50*l.* as a reward.

28. The petition of Walter Grosvenor, of Tattenthall, co. Stafford, for discharge of the rest of his composition fine, with his papers, referred to Mulgrave, Wolsley, Sydenham, Strickland, and Lisle, to report. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 702–711.]

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Antwerp.

Marquis of Newcastle to Sec. Nicholas. Thanks for yours of the 22nd. I am much rejoiced at the kindness of the King and Duke of York. My old friend and neighbour, Sir Gervase Clifton, 70 years old at least, has married Lady Alice Hastings, sister to Lord Loughborough, with 4,000*l.* portion. This is his 7th wife, the next will be the 8th, and then I believe the mark will be out of his mouth. I speak like an experienced horseman. The lady is in years for a maid, a pretty tough hen for this Lent, without eggs.

I am tormented about my book of horsemanship; the printing will cost me 1,300*l.*, which I could never have done but for my good friends Sir H. Cartwright and Mr. Loving. I hope they will not lose by it. I hope to see you next summer. Endorsed by Nicholas as received the 17th. [1¾ *pages. Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 17.

115. Petition of Jas. Guthry and Jas. Simpson, ministers, and the eldership of the congregations of Stirling, to the Protector. On the death of David Bennet, 2 years ago, we, with approval of the majority of the magistrates, called Rob. Rule to be our minister, and got the stipend of the second minister in Stirling settled on him. But a disaffected party, opposing godliness and reformation have, ever since 1638, carried on malignant courses, and separated themselves from our ministry, and having contrived 6 months after a change of magistrates, they obtained the appointment of Matthias Simpson, formerly minister in the north of England, "who sews pilions under their arm holes," and bears down opposers, and to him they have given the maintenance of the second minister, and ½ the preaching place. This has encouraged other malignants in congregations to separate from their pastors, and receive ministers after their own mind, and has lifted up the head of the malignant party in Stirling, and is likely to deprive the people of Mr. Rule's ministry, for want of maintenance, and may do of Mr. Guthrie's too, the opposition against him for 7 years has been so strong. We beg Mat. Simpson's removal, and the restoration of the maintenance to Rule. [1 *sheet.*]

Feb. 17. Reference thereon by Council to the Committee for Scotland, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 713.]

Feb. 17. **116.** Petition of Peter Sterry to the Protector. The Long Parliament gave at the same time 100*l.* a year each to Dr. Owen, Dr. Moulin, Mr. Hartlib, Mr. Haak, and myself, from undervaluations, which ceasing, the other 4 have had their arrears and 100*l.* a year settled on them by Privy Seal out of the Exchequer. I beg the same allowance. With holograph reference by the Protector to Council. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 17. Order thereon granting the petition; Lambert, Lord Deputy, and Sydenham to see it done, and report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 714.]

Feb. 17. **117.** Petition of Hamon Ward and other merchants of London to Council. On an order of 20 Nov. last [*see p.* 165 *supra*] his Highness issued a privy seal for payment to us of 5,382*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.* balance due for redemption of captives at Algiers. We beg that it may be paid out of 3,000*l.* which the late Commissioners of Customs are to pay into the Treasury next April, and 3,000*l.* next July. [1 *page, damaged.*]

Feb. 17. Note of its reading in Council. [*I.* 77, *p.* 715.]

Feb. 17. **118.** Petition of the Greenland Company to the Protector and Council. By the Navigation Act, Parliament prohibited the import of whale and fish oil and fins, unless caught by ships of this nation, on penalty of confiscation of ships and goods. But this notwithstanding, large quantities have been brought in from Holland and elsewhere, and the Customs' officers and those appointed to seize the goods have connived, and accepted a low composition for them, so that the revenues have been diminished, merchants discouraged, our navigation prejudiced, and that of foreigners improved. We have had great losses in our late voyages, and have large stocks on hand that we cannot sell, so that without help we must give up the fishing trade, and it must fall into the hands of the Dutch and others. We beg an order to the Customs' Commissioners and others not to take these compositions, but to seize and confiscate the goods. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 17. Reference thereon to Montague, Lambert, Sydenham, Lisle, Jones, and Pickering, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 721.]

Feb. 17. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1. In the order of 10 Feb. concerning John Simpson the words "On the Lord's day, in the afternoon, and one of the week days, and "that the incumbent do yield obedience hereunto," to be substituted for "as formerly."

2. Wm. Ashburnham to be removed from Rochester to where he was formerly imprisoned.

3. Order on a letter from Hugh Well, Edm. Rolfe, and Nich. Gunton, 3 commissioners for surveying Enfield Chace—shewing that great waste and damage of timber takes place, that Lambert be advised to station 12 horse in the towns bordering on the Chace, with power to seize the tools of such as shall offend, and all such wood as they find ready cut or carrying away.

4, 5. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners—that it is time to appoint ships for the summer guard of the coasts, submitting a list of 61 ships, with the numbers of men and guns required, total 6,760 men—that the list is approved, and the Admiralty Commissioners empowered to order the full fitting out. Approved 19 Feb.

6. To remind his Highness that this is but the ordinary guard, and enquire his pleasure concerning the Providence and Yarmouth, which are set apart on a particular service.

7, 8. Approval of the augmentations of 50*l.* each to the ministers of Helston, Saltash, and Truro, co. Cornwall, out of the impropriate rectory of St. Keverne, conveyed on Sir Thos. Hele's composition; and of 30*l.* to Thos. Gayton, minister of Kirkella, co. York, recommended by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers. Approved by the Protector 19 Feb.

9. The petition of Sir Andrew Carr referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

11. Order—on report from the Attorney-General, annexed to the draft of a patent prepared by the counsel learned on an order of 13 Jan., to the purport of a written agreement from the Provost of Edinburgh for the physicians of Scotland to erect a college of physicians there—to advise an order to the Attorney-General to prepare a patent for signature accordingly.

12. The assessment of 10,000*l.* a month for Scotland to begin from 1 Jan. last, and ordered to be levied accordingly. Approved 19 Feb.

13. Approval of the augmentation of 20*l.* to Rich. Jones, schoolmaster of Denbigh, advised by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers. Approved by the Protector 19 Feb.

14. To advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 20*l.* on the minister of Southwell, co. Notts. Approved 19 Feb.

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15. The petition of Col. Fowke referred to the Irish Committee, to report.

16. On petition of Josiah Hunter, minister of Littlensburne, co. York,—that as the vicarage is worth but 20 marks a year, beside the augmentation of 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* granted out of Littlensburne Rectory, which is worth 50*l.*, and is now forfeit to the State by Maj. Robt. Walters, who was in the late plot, the profits of the said rectory may be allowed him during Walters' lease for two lives, or else during petitioner's life:—order that during the said 2 lives, *viz.*, that of Walters, and Elizabeth Ibson, his sister, they settle an augmentation of 40*l.* on the minister of Littlensburne; and when through their death the rectory comes to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, they settle the augmentation of 40*l.* out of its profits. Approved 19 Feb.

17. Order on information that Landguard Fort, which is a great security to Harwich harbour, is much decayed, and the garrison most of them quartered in the country, for want of bedding,—that it be surveyed for repair, and an estimate made of the charge, and that a warrant be advised of 200*l.* to Maj. Mat. Cadwel, the governor, on account for the repairs, and the buying of bedding for the soldiers.

19. Order on the certificate of the Committee for Redemption of Captives—that they issued orders to the Commissioners of Customs, out of 5,000*l.* lent by them in 1652 to Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, from moneys received for redemption of captives to be repaid out of customs, to pay 1,600*l.* to Eliz. Bagnall, sister and administratrix of Edm. Casson, appointed by Parliament in 1646 agent for redemption of captives at Algiers, in payment of 150*l.* due to him on his account, and the rest for his services. Also that they ordered 400*l.* to Richard Casson, employed under Edm. Casson, for his services; but neither of these sums are paid, the Customs' Commissioners assigning reasons why they have no power therein, nor any concern in the matter—that the case be referred to Sydenham, Desborow, the Lord Deputy, and Strickland, to consider the best way of satisfying Mrs. Bagnall and R. Casson, to speak with members of Parliament thereon, and to report. *Annexing,*

118 *a.* *Certificate of the Committee for Redemption of Captives alluded to, giving further details. The Commissioners of Customs refuse payment because the loan to the Navy Treasurer was not in their time, and they are bound to pay all they receive into the Treasury.* [2¾ *pages.*]

20. Order on report from the Admiralty Judges on a reference on the Charity of Amsterdam, seized by the Essex frigate, that she be discharged, and allowed to continue her voyage. Approved 19 Feb.

21. To add "and the usual practice of that court" to an order of Council of 18 Dec. last concerning the Daniel of Flushing.

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22. The petition of divers well affected inhabitants of West Bromwich parish, co. Stafford, for an augmentation of 20*l.* a year for their minister; of the bailiffs, burgesses, and other inhabitants of Bewdly parish, co. Worcester, for an addition to the former augmentation of 50*l.* granted their minister; of the parishioners of Areley, co. Stafford, for an augmentation of 50*l.* to their minister; of the inhabitants of Kenelmes, Romsley, and Hunington, in the parish of Hales-Owen, co. Salop, for maintenance for a minister for them—referred to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers. Approved 19 Feb.

23. Order on petition and certificates of Rich. Cable, late of Moreby, co. Lincoln, clerk, that the Committee for Approbation of Public Preachers, examine him and his papers, and if fit, approve him as a preacher of the Gospel. Approved 19 Jan.

24. The business of the Ballasting Office to be considered next Thursday, and notice given to the Lord Mayor, Mr. Boreman, and others.

27. Mr. Embree to put the room under the Banqueting House into the best repair he can for 6*l.*, for accommodation of such officers of the guard of Col. Mills' regiment as are from time to time on duty there.

28. The report on the petition of Wm. Paul, farmer of the prizage to wines, to be considered on Thursday.

30. The Admiralty Commissioners to order present payment of 5 weeks' arrears to Ely House and Savoy Hospital, and future pay in such sort as may relieve the poor there as intended. Approved 17 Feb.

31. The managers of the above hospitals to admit as a pensioner Wm. Croft, who was wounded in the State's service, and has a wife and children to support.

32. Order on the previous order of 11 Sept. 1656, in the case of the Marquis of Argyle, and on his request of 12 Feb. 1656–7,—that being sued for a public debt by the Countess of Dirleton, and having borrowed 1,000*l.* of Col. Ralph Cobbett to discharge it, Council will order the speedy payment thereof by the collector of the excise of wines, &c., in Scotland, which sum he will accept in part of the 12,116*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* due to himself—granting the said request, and warranting payment as requested. Approved 19 Feb.

119. *Request of the Marquis of Argyle on which the above order was given.* 12 *Feb.* 1656–7. [1½ *pages.*]

119. I. *Corrected draft of the above.* [1¾ *pages.*]

119. II. *Draft warrant to the Commissioners of Excise at Leith for payment of the above.* [½ *page.*]

33*. Order on consideration of the condition of Gen. Blake's fleet, that the Providence and Yarmouth now at Portsmouth, convoy the ships at Portsmouth laden with beer to Gen. Blake, with letters to say that the Rainbow, James, Kentish, and Elias, will soon be sent after to the Bay of Wyer.

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34. Mr. Jessop to attend Col. Montague in preparing a letter accordingly, for his Highness' signature.

35. The report of Mr. Peck and the rest of the Committee on Charters, concerning the charter for Gateshead, co. Durham, referred to the Committee of Council on Charters, to report.

36. Order on report from the Committee on some fit way for Nich. Lockyer's satisfaction for the 2,500*l.* mentioned in several orders, on which his Highness issued Privy Seal letters for the money to be paid from sums coming in from the late Commissioners for Discoveries, *viz.*, 2,206*l.* 11*s.* 7½*d.*, with interest, which they acknowledge to be in their hands, but have not yet sent in—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Lockyer 500*l.* towards the 2,500*l.* formerly ordered, which sum shall be made good to the Exchequer from discovery money; and the same Committee to consider how 500*l.* more may speedily be paid him.

38. Peter Blondeau's business about coining in his newly invented way to be considered next Thursday. [*I.* 77, *p.* 711–722.]

Feb. 18. Lowther. **120.** Elizabeth, Lady Lowther, to Williamson. I am sad that my son repines at the circumscribing of his thoughts, not his expenses, the sum limited being the full of what he will find at his return, and more than would have been allowed for his education had his father lived. It is an ill recompense for the pains his friends and I have taken with his estate. If travels make him soar above his sphere, I must hope comfort in his return, and gratitude when he knows the state his affairs were in when we undertook them. He is nearly as old as my father was when my grandfather died, and left him to manage an estate 4 times as large, and family cares and business in Parliament, which he so managed as to increase his estate ¼, and provide for a numerous issue; so I hope if he will be tractable, and not aim at things above his reach, he may soon manage his own affairs. We intend to go to Scotland at Midsummer, to consult his friends about him before his return. My brother will send you money where you direct.

I thought philosophy and other arts taught men a temper far outgoing feminine weakness, but I doubt the vanities of his companions will make deeper impressions than your instructions. I will not abridge his fantasy in much, or anything my brother complies in, though such things are pleasures rather than perfections in gentlemen. A few things thoroughly known are better than grasping at all. I had rather he were threadbare than have vain habits and a vainer head.

P.S.—My brother will send money to my cousin Northleigh, whom you must direct to what town to send it. [3 *pages.*]

Feb. $\frac{18}{28}$. Paris. **121.** C. George to Williamson. I send you enclosures. I have given yours to Mr. Whorwood, and furnished him with money. [1 *page.*]

[Feb. 19.] **122.** Petition of Manasseh Ben Israel to the Protector. What modesty forbids, necessity, *ingens telum*, compels; that having been long very sickly, I beg you, my only succourer in this land of strangers, to help me. I do not prescribe the way, but having experienced your compassion as well as majesty, I lay myself at your feet.

Feb. 19. Order in Council advising his Highness to grant him a pension of 100*l.* a year for his subsistence. [*I.* 77, *p.* 726.]

Feb. 19. **123.** Petition of John Hingston, David Mell, Wm. Howse, Rich. Hudson, and Wm. Gregory, for themselves and other professors of music, to the Committee of Council for Music. By the dissolution of the choirs in cathedrals, many of us have died in want, and there being no encouragement for music, no man will breed his child in it, so that the science must die in this nation with those few professors now living, or must degenerate. We beg the erection of a college of musicians, with power to practise music publicly, to suppress obscene and scandalous songs and ballads, to reform the abuses in the making of musical instruments, and in all things to regulate the profession; with power to buy lands, and have a common seal, and with restoration of such lands and revenues as have been heretofore employed for maintenance of music. 5 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 19. Order thereon in Council that Lisle, Montague, Pickering, Mulgrave, the Lord Deputy, Sydenham, and Lambert, be a Committee to receive addresses in order to the advancement of music, and to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 730.]

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(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1. Approval by the Protector of numerous orders 10–17 Feb.

2. Out of the money coming in on Sir Thos. Vyner and Backwell's contract for prize Spanish plate and money, Embree is to receive 5,000*l.* towards the 9,857*l.* 16*s.* 4¾*d.* ordered by Privy Seal on his account for the cost of repairing his Highness' houses to Nov. 30, 1656.

3. Embree to buy no more building materials, nor employ more workmen, nor begin any fresh work towards repair of his Highness' houses, without special warrant. This order to take place from Jan. 22, when he was first restrained, and the auditors to state his accounts for the repairs of the above houses, and not to allow demands for anything new since Jan. 22, without his Highness' special warrant. Approved 12 March.

4. Order—on report on the case of Peter Sterry [*see* 26 *June* 1656, *and* 17 *Feb.* 1656–7]—for a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay him 475*l.* arrears of his allowance of 100*l.* a year, and the allowance in future, till the provision ordered by Parliament is made for him.

5. Rob. Taylor to be a commissioner for surveying Kingswood Forest in Rob. Fairbeard's place; and Lieut.-Col. John Kensey and Geo. Sergeant commissioners for Merewood Forest in place of Gabriel Taylor and Vincent Winge; and his Highness to be advised to renew the respective commissions accordingly.

His Highness present.

6,* 7.* Approval of augmentations, advised by the Trustees for

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Maintenance of Ministers, of 10*l.* to John Devenish, minister of Weston Zoyland, co. Somerset, above the 50*l.* allowed, and of 32*l.* to the minister of Worksop, co. Notts, above the 8*l.* allowed.

8.* Order to pay out of the property and casualty revenue in Scotland 100*l.* a year to [Mary Buchanan] Lady Scotch Craig, for subsistence, the late order of Council, of 11 Dec. 1656, for payment of 10,000*l.* of that money to the Exchequer in England notwithstanding, and the Council of Scotland to issue their warrant for payment accordingly.

10. The petition of Thos. Symon in right of his wife and co-heirs, against John Fautrart of Guernsey, appellant, and the report from the referee for Guernsey; also the petition of Capt. John Fautrart, referred to Lambert, Jones, Wolsley, Desborow, and Pickering, to report.

12. The petition of the owners, masters, and traders for coals to Newcastle and Sunderland, in Ipswich, Lym, Yarmouth, Woodbridge, &c., referred to the Committee on the petition of the captains, &c., of ships trading to Newcastle for coals, to report.

14.* Approval of a grant, by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, of an augmentation of 20*l.* to the schoolmaster of Aldwinkle, co. Northampton.

15. The debate on the report concerning Sir Wm. Waller's desire about the custom of prizage wines to be considered on Tuesday.

124. *Report alluded to, signed by Fleetwood, Wolsley, and Pickering, that the Commissioners of Customs be required to appear in the suit to be commenced by Sir Wm. Waller or by Wm. Paul, farmer under him of the prizage wines, concerning the custom imposed on them by the said Commissioners, and that they take care that the suit be presented speedily, but take no customs meantime, Waller and Paul giving security for the customs if the trial go against them. Also that the Treasury Commissioners be empowered to grant Waller the same defalcations as before, on like security, in order that he may pass his accounts in the Exchequer.* **17 *Feb.* 1656–7.** [1½ *pages.*]

His Highness withdrew.

16. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Peter Blondeau 100*l.* for the charge of coining according to his new invention, and 100*l.* more when he shall enter on the work.

17. 2,000*l.* value of the Spanish money lately come from Portsmouth, for which Vyner and Backwell have contracted, to be given to Blondeau to coin, he giving security to Sir John Barkstead to redeliver it to the Exchequer when coined.

18. The petition of the Ladies Vere, Elizabeth, Anne, and Catherine, and Stanley Carr, Esq., children of the late Countess of Ancram, read.

21. The petition of John Fairfax, Oliver Williams, Rich. Rous, John Chapman, and others, concerning the Ballasting Office, to be

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sent to the Lord Mayor of London, to be considered against next Tuesday, when Council will also consider it, and Mr. Boreman and the Lord Mayor to have notice accordingly. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 724–730.]

Feb. 19. Whitehall. **125.** The Protector to [the officers of Militia]. We hear that the Cavalier and Popish party are shortly intending a new insurrection, and that the late King's son, in conjunction with the Spaniard, intends an invasion with an army from Flanders, where he now is. For safety of the nation the forces must be put into a posture to prevent or repel these intentions. You are therefore to give notice to all the officers and soldiers of your troop to provide themselves with horses and arms, and be prepared, on the first notice of danger, to come to a rendezvous.

Be vigilant, lest you be surprised. If you find any of the party riding armed, holding frequent meetings, or giving any cause of suspicion, you are to apprehend them. In case of insurrections or invasions, do your best to suppress them, and you will receive further directions from your Major-General, with whom we have spoken more at large. If you find any of that party keeping more horses than usual, seize their horses and arms, and keep them for the State. Assure your troop that care will be taken for their pay, according to the establishment. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ *pages, signed by the Protector*].

Feb. $\frac{19}{29}$. Whitehall. [Sec. Thurloe to Amb. Lockhart.] There is no alteration of affairs here; we are alarmed by the malignant party, and are preparing against them all we can. [*Extract. French correspondence.*]

Feb. $\frac{19}{29}$. **126.** John Finch to Anne, Viscountess Conway, Kensington. The heavens and mankind have resolved to make me break my promise of writing you constantly, for I have had a flood of public business here, where I expected privacy. I must now make my servants deny access to all, that I may discourse with you. Would that I could return to the former happy converse! Tell me what you would have me write about, and what knowledge impart to you.

At Boshki, 30 miles from Smyrna, is an ancient Greek church, wherein are several images and pictures, a yard high and 2 inches thick, weighing 50 lbs. each. On St. George's day, if the priests do not take them down, they come down of their own accord, and go out of the church, and the priests go with them in procession. Now what is strange and yet true is, that if a Turk carry any of these pictures, he cannot let it fall from his head, but is terribly beaten, and is thrown into bushes and under the horses' feet, and the pictures rise up $\frac{1}{2}$ a yard and fall down upon their heads, and beat them to the ground, so that the Turks reverence the pictures. Barnardiston and Hodges, 2 merchants here, thinking the Turks were imposing, made their janizaries, being Turks, carry the pictures last St. George's day, but they were so beaten, and yet only the pictures seen, that a Christian was forced to take them, for when a Christian touches them they are quiet. One began to beat Mr. Hodges, who was carrying it, and he was forced to call for some one to take it from him. Barnardiston is a sober gentleman. On their salvation they told me this. They will soon be in England.

At Jebell, 300 miles from Tripoli, is a whole province where, by petrifying blast or sand, all things are turned into stone, in the same postures they had when living. I have a piece of a camel's bone thence, and have ordered a body of man, woman, or child to be brought me. The Duke of Florence has a hen with all her chickens in stone, and all the colours of their feathers. One in Venice has a bough with apples on it, all the natural colours. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 20. **127.** Petition of Sir And. Cogan to the King. I hear that the cause of your displeasure is that I arrested John Goulding, though you had forbidden him to be touched, and that I refused Sir John Mennes' bail. As to the first, I only heard you say that you did not sell your pardons, and when I asked you to order Goulding to pay me, you said he might do what he pleased with his own. I refused the bail as being contrary to the constitution of the land, nor did I think you would in the least have had to do with it, but if I had done ill in arresting him, you would have commanded me to withdraw the action, which I should have done immediately; for who can suppose that one who, like me, has disbursed and lost 34,000*l.* sterling for his loyalty, would fail of his duty to you to gain so small a sum? I therefore beg you to pardon my offence, restore to me your favour, and order some one to determine the difference between me and Goulding. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 23. / March 5. Bruges. Blank Marshall to Sec. Thurloe. Last Monday, Charles Stuart and the Dukes of York and Gloucester came to Sluys to convoy the Princess Royal, but had a mischance from the fort of St. Anace, by the volley they gave him passing by, which hurt one of his footmen, and 2 of his gentlemen close by himself. The shot was aimed at himself at their entering into Sluys, and one was killed. They lodged there all night, Charles Stuart returned next morning, but the 2 Dukes went on the next day's journey. All 3 intended for Brussells last week, but were stopped for want of money, which they expect daily.

I see no appearance of what you mention in your letter. If you are prejudiced by my neglect, let me suffer, but I know as much as any of my quality here. If you will have your business well followed, send me more money; what you sent last I gave at once to my creditors, and I ought to be able to go with Charles Stuart, wherever he goes. Now or never is the time to take care of that business.

I find alterations of late, often Councils, and business done with great secrecy. Many lay wagers that we shall be in England in 6 weeks, but I see no appearance as yet; there is something which ere long must be known.

Middleton has not returned, and I do not believe he has done anything. Next week I go to Dunkirk and Ostend, for I must look after them and Holland. If any come that way where you are, I shall come myself, so that I would know by the next how to continue dealing with you.

In Holland they make great preparations, building 30 new ships, and rigging out all the old ones, but the design not known. The Spanish ambassador was better received in Amsterdam than the Prince of Orange has ever been. They gave him the command of the city the 3 days he abode there. At his return to the Hague, he made a ballet for the ladies and nobles, which cost him much. There are 2,000 men on foot in Denmark. I send an addition to my former note, for they are the people we must deal with; they are always busy with Charles Stuart, and will be the first merchants that will go. They and I will make a bargain ere long. [2 *pages. Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 23. Whitehall. [Sec. Thurloe to Ambassador Lockhart.] To-day from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. the House has been taken up with the debate anent the government, but little progress is made, beyond the reading of the remonstrance, carried by 144 against 54, and ordering that the debate be resumed to-morrow. The general scope of it was for King, and Houses of Lords and Commons; not hereditary rule, but the King to declare his successor, who is to be owned by Parliament. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

Feb. 23. London. Levant Company to Chas. Longland. On the desire of two Turks, Halil and Hamett, whose suit has been recommended to us by a master of requests to his Highness, to procure them accommodation of passage hence to their own country, we have moved Capt. Philips, commander of the Dover Merchant, and he has promised their transportation to Leghorn. If they have further occasion thence to Turkey or Barbary, we entreat you to befriend them therein, they intending no manner of charge to any, and wanting only direction and help for an opportunity of passage. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *p.* 285.]

Feb. 24. **128.** Petition of Anne, wife of Jas. Nayler, to the Protector and Council. Though my husband, after all his extreme sufferings, needs refreshment for his recovery, he is cast into the Hole in Bridewell, where the damp strikes up his legs like water, and he wants air and fire. He is kept under 3 keys, in 3 several men's hands, and not allowed a candle, and I cannot see him unless 4 governors be present, nor may he have what I carry him. This is contrary to Parliament orders, and yours, for you allowed me to come to him, and expressly ordered him necessaries. His keepers are cruel, especially one Win, who refused him some conduit water, because there was a little sugar in it, and would not let him have a dish of turnips and other things I had taken him, to preserve his life.

To harden your hearts, they raise a false report, that he starves himself, and will not eat what is taken to him, but he only refuses what is too strong for his weak state. They have kept his condition from me, and now the doctor orders him milk, with sugar of roses.

If he is to continue in prison, I beg that he may have air, fire, and candle-light, and that I may attend him, and supply him with necessaries out of his own estate. But rather I beg his release, as he has suffered all the parts of your sentence, and is only prisoner during pleasure. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

128. I. *Abstract of the above complaint.* [½ *page.*]

Feb. 24. Order thereon that the governor of Bridewell suffer Jas. Nayler's wife to come to him, and see that he have necessaries, according to the order of Parliament. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 733.]

Feb. 24. **129.** Petition of Katherine, wife of Colonel Thomas Cholmley, to the Protector and Council. My former petition to his Highness showed that my wants and sufferings are great, my losses 1,000*l.*, and my husband's debentures 1,521*l.* His Highness deducted 56*l.* due to him, and granted me 20*l.* a year on Little Salkeld Manor, Cumberland, for 99 years; but the Dean and Chapter Trustees could not lease, but only sell it, so I contracted for the purchase, and thus became debtor to the State 328*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.* I beg that this may be allowed me in lieu of the lease, and that the remainder of my debentures may be put into bonds. I am 240 miles from home, and spent 9 months last year and 3 months now in pursuance of the case. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

129. I. *Certificate by Wm. Curwen and* 5 *other county commissioners of Cumberland, to the truth of Col. Cholmley's account prefixed for* 1,521*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* 6 *seals and signatures.* [1 *sheet.*]

Feb. 24. Order thereon in Council for a warrant for payment to her of 328*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.* without fees, to enable her to pay the Dean and Chapter Trustees, and that their treasurers pay the money at once into the Exchequer. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 733, 774.]

Feb. 24. **130.** Petition of [Lieut.-Col.] Edm. Ashton to Council, to recall the order of 4 Nov., committing him to Newgate as a dangerous person, his Highness whom he petitioned having referred the case to them. Has been detained 32 weeks, is very poor, and cannot subsist longer; begs to give bond for his delinquency. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

130. I. *Petition of Edm. Ashton to the Protector. Has been prisoner* 28 *weeks, and on applying at the Old Bailey sessions, was ordered to give in bail to Sir Lislebone Long, recorder, to appear next sessions, which the recorder will accept; but by Council's order of* 4 *Nov. last, he is to be detained. Has never been in arms since* 1648, *nor acted by plot or intelligence against the State. Wanted employment to France or Sweden, and has applied to several officers therefor. Begs release on bail.* [1 *page.*]

Feb. 24. Order thereon that Mr. Jessop enquire into the business, and present his opinion next sitting. [*I.* 77, *p.* 735.]

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(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1. Order—on petition of the inhabitants of Moulton, co. Suffolk, shewing that the town consists of 70 families, and the profits of the vicarage there are but 20*l.*, and praying an augmentation to Fras. Sylyard their minister — that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers be advised to settle on him 40*l.* a year. Approved 3 March.

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2, 3. Approval of augmentations by the said Trustees of 30*l.* to Jeremiah Hey, minister of Downham chapel, Whalley parish, co. Lancaster, and of 7*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* to the minister of Blandford, co. Dorset. Approved by the Protector 3 March.

4. The Committee for Approbation of Public Preachers to examine Simon Potts, and if suitable, appoint him to the vacant ministry of Cowes, Isle of Wight. Approved 12 March.

His Highness present.

5.* Whereas Rich. Pinkard, Lieutenant of Major Blake's militia troop, who apprehended Wm. Lovell of Cardington, co. Northampton, on occasion of a riotous meeting there, has been apprehended by Lovell for false imprisonment, although done in a time of danger, and on a public account, and the case is to be tried at Northampton assizes—order that Lovell be sent for in custody by the Serjeant-at-arms, and that Strickland and Jones speak with the judges about the business before they go out of town. With warrant for his commitment, 26 Feb. [*I.* 114, *p.* 65.]

6, 7. To advise his Highness to send Phil. Meadows as his envoy to the King of Denmark, with fit instructions, and the Lord Deputy, Jones, and Strickland, with Mr. Secretary, to consider what preparations are necessary for Meadows' journey to Denmark.

8. On petition of John Fairfax, Ol. Williams, and others claiming title to the Ballasting Office under a lease of 31 years by the late King, in the 12th year of his reign, which was opened by Mr. Recorder before his Highness and Council, and on consultation with the Lord Mayor, Sir Lislebone Long, and several aldermen who attended:—order that the petitioners seek their remedy at law.

9. The Attorney and Solictor-General to hear what can be said by George Boreman as to the legality of granting a patent which he requests of the Ballasting Office, and also to hear counsel for the city of London, the Lord Mayor and corporation pleading that Boreman's proposals are against law, violate the city's jurisdiction in the conservancy of the Thames, and will damage the river by instruments for taking up ballast with nets and hoops, and prejudice navigation and fishing. They are also to consider the validity of the patent by which Mr. Jessop claims the said office.

His Highness withdrew.

12. On a certificate from Sir John Berkstead on Council's reference of 10 Feb. that Major Hen. Norwood has been a prisoner in the Tower from 5 Jan. 1654–5, and Capt. Rich. Dutton from 23 May 1655, whereby they are so impoverished that since Jan. 1655–6, they have had to depend on the credit of such as would trust them, and have accordingly been a burden for their lodging and maintenance to John Wale, a warder, to whom Norwood owes 26*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.*, and Dutton 32*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*—order that Frost pay Wale 59*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.*, and that Sir John Barkstead report what allowance should be made to the prisoners in future. Approved 12 March.

14. Order—on a report on the arrears of money due by the late Customs' Commissioners [*see* 26 *Jan.* 1657], and on consideration of the papers given in by Sir C. Pack, Lloyd, and Boothby, and also by

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Ald. Avery—that the former be admitted to give in their particular accounts, and be not involved in Avery's account. Approved 12 March. *Annexing,*

131. *Report alluded to,* 12 *Feb.* 1656–7. [¾ *page.*]

131. I. *Answers of Sam. Avery to the statements of Pack, Lloyd, and Boothby. Prays a hearing of his former papers, having suffered imprisonment, and oppression, and loss of liberty, to his utter ruin. Arguments in favour of the requiring joint accounts. Hopes neither the miscarriage of his son nor that of any other will be imputed to him, and begs release. Repetition of his former arguments.* [1 *sheet; see* 26 *Aug.* 1656.]

132, 133. 15. The Admiralty Commissioners being ordered on Feb. 17 to issue warrants for fitting, manning, and furnishing the summer's guard, according to a list annexed—order empowering them to change any of the vessels then fixed upon, provided the number of men in the list be not exceeded without special order, and the proportions of ships and men, as to quality and number, be observed as far as may be. Approved 12 March. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 731–5.]

Feb. 24. **134.** Examination of Rose, wife of Julius Wildes. At 9 a.m., 28 Jan. last, a Dunkirk sloop landed 14 men at Dungeness Light, who forcibly entered her house with drawn swords, and under threats of killing her and her children, carried away all that she had, worth 50*l.*, to the utter undoing of her husband and 7 small children. [½ *page.*]

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135. G. Stradling to Williamson. I cannot repay your courtesy with words, which are esteemed here "la monnaie des Cordeliers," yet I have little else to requite you. I am soon leaving, and hope to see you this summer in Italy. The plague has left Florence, and I shall stay there till God gives a free passage to Rome. Private business. I can find no books worth your reading. Account of Scudamore's misconduct. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 26. [Sec. Thurloe to Ambassador Lockhart.] Last Monday Sir Chris. Pack, M.P. for London, brought into Parliament a remonstrance, desiring his Highness, in the name of Parliament, to assume the kingly dignity, and to call a Parliament consisting of two Houses, with many other things referring to a settlement. It was received in Parliament with very great applause by most, yet much opposed by some. The first question was whether it should be read, and after some hours' debate, it was carried to be read, by 144 against 54. Next day it was read, and on Saturday we shall go upon the debate, to-morrow being appointed for a day of prayer and fasting, to seek directions from the Lord.

His Highness hears that Lord Falconbridge is at Paris, and wishes you to notice him as one whom his Highness much respects; he is an able gentleman, and can give you a good account of the disposition of Yorkshire, his county. [1 *page. French correspondence.*]

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John Somer to [Sec. Thurloe.] I have been to Zealand to borrow money, for you seem to have forgotten me.

At Middleburg I saw Col. Hollis, commander of the English under Ormond. Lord Wilmot was there, buying 1,000 muskets and arms of defence. At Flushing were many officers who have resigned service under the United Provinces to attend Charles Stuart, who is in such want of money that he cannot pay his soldiers, and many of them are disbanding.

The Princess of Orange is gone for the Hague, her brother, Charles Stuart, convoyed her to Sluys. As they passed the Spanish port, the volley of shot killed one of his followers, very near to himself, and at Sluys another was killed in like manner, at which ominous accident he was somewhat astonished. [¾ *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

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Relation by Sir Rob. Welsh of his carriage in England. Being prisoner in the Bastile, the governor told me that there was a way for my release, if I would run the hazard of it. I told him I would do anything that a man of honour might undertake. He asked if I would destroy him that had destroyed my religion, King, and country, *viz.*, Cromwell, and I might have money and liberty, if I would undertake it with one whom I knew well; but as no army was to go, I refused to have anything to do with murder.

Being a prisoner without friends, I tried to ingratiate myself with Cromwell, by informing him of the design, but he never owned hearing of it from me.

However when I left the Bastile, I made this a pretext to get a footing in England, and wrote from Rouen to the Marquis of Ormond that I was going into England, and would do all I could to further his Majesty's interest, but would not meddle unless he would be surety to the King for my loyalty; this he became, and assured me that my going should not be the least prejudice to me.

I went last February, to try and ingratiate myself with the State there, in order better to serve my King. I wrote to Thurloe of my arrival, telling him that I had no pass, nor agreement with them, but begging that, on my submission to the present government, he would let me live in the country, or make me leave it. Not hearing from him, I ventured to London, and at last got to speak with him, begging leave to live here, without intermeddling with State affairs. We talked much of France, Spain, &c., and I thought I stood well with him, but in a few days I found him very cool, as Cardinal Mazarin had given me a very ill character, and Sir Kenelm Digby had inveighed against me as not to be trusted.

I saw him once again with difficulty, and he asked me how I stood at Bruges. I said very ill, for that the King had banished me his dominions, and in 7 years, I had not the least correspondence with any in his Court. He said—"Then you cannot serve us, for we must be served by those who have power and interest there." I said that now, being permitted to live in England, I thought I could through a friend, the Marquis of Ormond, ingratiate myself at Court. He bade me write to the Marquis, and show him

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the reply, but I could not get another interview, and though promised that I should live quietly in England, I was sent to the Tower.*

Three months after Lord Broghill came to me to the Tower, and asked if I did not repent not serving Parliament as he would have had me. I told him my eyes were better opened now, and I thought I might serve them. He then promised to do wonders for me, if I would give him particulars of a design for killing the Protector. I told him I believed that there was none, but that the informer wrote of it for the sake of drawing his pension. He asked if I could live in the King's court, tell him the truth of this, and give him intelligence, and if so, I should have my liberty. I promised, and in 2 days he brought me my discharge, and told the design to the Lieutenant of the Tower. Lord Broghill then summoned me to his house for the next night, and we were in private contriving a cypher, when one Owen arrived, with whom he stayed ¾ of an hour in another room, and then told me he could give me a perfect account of all in Bruges; that his intelligencer had arrived, and told him the King had 800 officers and 600 soldiers, &c.

Next morning he pulled out a letter which he said was from the third person about the King, saying they needed not apprehend so much, and that the King said some Scots designed for the King of Sweden's service had landed at Dunkirk. He wished me to go at once, but I told him I must have money. He gave me 50*l.*, which I said was too little. He told me it came from his own purse, for he durst not demand money from the State, as he had with difficulty prevailed with Council that I should be the man employed, there being then in the Tower those who had formerly shown affection to the State. Every day I told Lady Ormond and her son what had passed. I also wrote to B. to tell Lord Ormond that I hoped soon to be in condition to discharge my trust.

I then undertook my journey, and went on board at Gravesend, but the wind being contrary, I went to Dover, there to take the packet for Dunkirk, having the Secretary of State's pass. By the way, I was taken at Canterbury, by the warden of the Fleet's warrant, and brought to the Fleet. I applied to Lord Broghill, and send you his answer, as also a copy of his letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower on my behalf, and of the answer thereto.

Being in the Fleet, an old acquaintance of quality applied to me, and promised to sevre me if I would deal clearly with him. He told me he knew I was employed by the State, and would recommend me to his friend, the third person about the King, who sent all material intelligence weekly; and that if I would give him the name of the friend I relied most on with the King, he would give me the name of his friend. I named mine, and he named his, with circumstances to prove the truth.

I thought it no small service to show the King what he was, and had done so but my application was rejected. I told the Marquis of Ormond what power I had, but only named the third or fourth person

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* The date of his seizure was 7 March 1655-6.—Ed.

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to the King, being loth to name him till I saw what reception I had; but I offered to name him in a few days, and to prove that if the King showed him any letter of concern, and left it in his hands, a copy would be sent to the State, and I would surprize it on the way.

Sir John Barkstead believed me so much his that he told me that for many years he has had, and still has, the opening of all letters from the Queen of England sent to London, and those sent from London to her, but he sealed them all up again to avoid discovery, and he told me who showed him these letters.

I was also charged with an offer to the Prince of Condé of 1,000 or 1,500 men, not to cost him 1*s.* till landed in Flanders, and then no assurance of payment but his capitulation.

I was also empowered by a very sufficient person to assure the King that he could contrive to bring with him to Flanders 5 or 6 men of mighty estates, who have always been against his Majesty, and would soon ransom themselves at 100,000*l.*

I named these things to his Excellency at Ghent, as the reason why I believed myself capable of serving the King. He told me I should hear his Majesty's pleasure in 3 or 4 days, which is that he will not make use of my service, but advises me to get out of these countries, or prepare for the consequences. There is nothing I wish more than to clear myself as a loyal and true subject, and this is not the reception I expected for my hazards. Endorsed, "A copy of Sir Rob. Welsh's relation of his carriage in England, delivered to the Lady Abbess of Ghent." Signed by Nicholas. [4 *pages. Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. Sir Rob. Welsh to the King. To the same effect as the above, with slight variations. I have studied to serve you 7 or 8 years, and thought to do it by getting credit with Cromwell, or that wicked State that governs your kingdoms. I went to England by Rouen and Dieppe, landed at Rye without pass, and wrote to Thurloe offering service. I fell sick at Rye and stayed 4 or 5 days, and thence to London. I was there a month, and being unable to get access to Thurloe, I wrote to Fleetwood, deputy of Ireland, offering service. He received me very civilly, and sent a gentleman with me to Whitehall to Thurloe, who said he would acquaint Cromwell with my good wishes. He bade me come again, and I thought I had gained something on his rigid humour. I saw him again in 2 or 3 days, and told him if I was under any suspicion, I would leave the country and seek my fortune elsewhere, but he bade me stay. We spoke of the breach between France and Spain, and he asked me if I would take service. I said not against Spain, because having formerly served you, I should be suspected as an intelligencer, but that as matter of conscience, I might very well serve against you, as it was not for me to examine whom God has ordained to possess these kingdoms—"expressions, God knows, far from my meaning or thoughts."

On another interview I gave him good intelligence from France of what was resolved on by the Cardinal. A week after I told him I had thought on a business never asked by any, and not intrenching on the subject's purses, but worth 1,000*l.* or 2,000*l.* a year. He bade

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me name it, and told me I should have it. I will tell you what it is when you command me, "but he kept his word as they do, and ever will do in all things." I wrote several times afterwards, but could never see him.

I still lived in the town, when 2 or 3 months after, Sir John Barkstead wrote me to come to him to the Tower. I went to Thurloe, but could not see him, so I went with a friend to Barkstead; he was civil, took my address, and made me promise not to leave town or change my lodgings without informing him. A fortnight after he sent 10 soldiers to my lodgings in Mark Lane, who at 6 a.m. carried me out of my bed to the Tower. I waited till 11 before I could speak to him; he then asked if I knew anything of a plot, and on giving my word that I did not, he set me at liberty. Ten days after he sent soldiers to my lodging; I wrote him that I would wait on him on notice, so he sent for me, and showed me Council's warrant to make me prisoner in the Tower, and told me he had provided me a good lodging, with my Lord of Canterbury, Lord Capel, and the ambassador of Portugal's brother. There I lay 4 months, and then wrote to Thurloe, but had no reply, and there I had lain till Doomsday, but for Lord Broghill. My progress with him you will have heard. If my credit had been kept by keeping intelligence with him, I should have written only what you or your minister would set down, for I have shown him my cypher with Lord Broghill. What I intended was that when you should have an army in any of your dominions, I would once or twice give them intelligence that should enable them to cut off 200 or 300 of your horse, and then, when they thought me true, give them such intelligence as would absolutely ruin them.

Then I grew so intimate with Lord Broghill that I gained much information by him to be given to you, and if I had kept credit with him, as by your order, telling him things that may not much prejudice you, I had returned to England, gained credit with Cromwell, and then been able so to serve you as it would be difficult to any to find the like.

If the King of Spain would give me all Flanders, I would not appear in England, yet no danger should prevent my obeying your orders. I could name the 5 or 6 persons, whom I offered to bring from England without costing a penny, who should yield 100,000*l.*, but I was told on proposing it that you also had friends in England. I could not bring Cromwell's head in a bag with me, but if I could, I would. I should not have had, as my reward for wishing to serve you, a common gaol, and such usage as the highest criminal could not have worse. My son, who might have made himself a fortune, must partake my unjust ignominy. If you find the least guilt in either of us, let us suffer; if not, I beg justice and reparation. As I cannot serve you, if I clear myself of this ignominy, I beg your pass to some foreign service, though but in very ill equipage. If you knew the calumny I lie under in England, you would not consider me an ill subject. I was so ashamed of myself in England that I went one night to lodge with Col. Wm. Bourke, now here. Being in bed, I said, "Will, you are very ill spoken of as to be a betrayer of the Cavaliers to the State, which I do not at all believe; and to show you that I do not, I will show you my Lord of Ormond's letter to me, to give me freedom of being here, and to do as shall best seem to me. You know I am censured by all the Cavalier party, because I frequent Whitehall. They know not themselves for what particular to censure me, yet you see, for my duty to my King, what I suffer, and allow myself to pass for a knave. I know that there be 20 base letters writ of me, but when I know myself clear, I care not a straw what people say, and so consequently I guess the same by you." Col. Bourke saw my Lord's letter, and said it was his hand. Endorsed, "A copy of Sir Rob. Welsh's relation of his carriage in England, sent to his Majesty by him, through the hands of the Earl of Rochester." [*Copy signed by Nicholas, 4 pages. Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. Queries by Nicholas to be asked on the preceding relation:—

What was the design proposed by Lord Broghill to Welsh, and by him undertaken to be performed, wherewith the Lieutenant of the Tower was to be acquainted, and for doing whereof he had his liberty?

Who is that third person about the King mentioned?

Who is the B. to whom Sir Robert says he wrote?

Who is the gentleman of quality and parts that applied to him, and who is that third person about the King that he named to Sir Robert as sending weekly intelligence to the State, and what were the circumstances that showed that he spoke the truth?

Who is the person that let Barkstead see the letters to and from the Queen?

Who gave Sir Robert power to offer the Prince of Condé 1,000 or 1,500 men to be landed in Flanders without any charge to him?

Who gave Sir Robert power to assure the King that he could bring 5 or 6 men into Flanders that would give 100,000*l.* for ransom? [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, corrected draft. Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb? **136.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. I have been idle, but forgive me. Imagine the regret in the loss of a thing as precious as the discourse of an angel. [1 *page. French.*]

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March $\frac{2}{12}$. Whitehall. [Sec. Thurloe to Amb. Lockhart.] There are great debates in Parliament about the remonstrance. The time has hitherto been spent on the manner of the debate. To-morrow we shall fall on the clause about his Highness declaring his successor, which I believe will pass with some clearance. That of kingship, whereof the House is most desirous, is postponed till other things in the paper are settled, especially those which concern the revenue. There are mutterings in part of the army, but I do not fear much disturbance there. The House itself is exceedingly set upon a national settlement, though a few in power much oppose it. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

March 3. **1.** Petition of James, Lord Ochiltree, to the Protector. In 1630, by the influence of my adversaries with the late King, I was committed to prison, and detained till reduced to great extremity. I had 6*s.* 8*d.* a day allowed me from the revenue in Scotland for food and myself, wife and 10 children, and have no other estate, but from the cruelty of the treasurers and the long troubles, I have had nothing for many years. I am 80 years old, and desolate. I beg my arrears and future payment, or reference to the Council there, that my starving condition may be prevented. With reference, 27 Nov. 1656, to Privy Council. [1 *page.*]

March 3. Order thereon in Council that the Council of Scotland grant him a sum for his arrears, and a yearly sum in future, and that a letter be written to them accordingly. With the letter, 10 March. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 739, 967.]

[March 3.] **2, 3.** Petition of Rob. Hitch, clerk, of Guisley, co. York, and his children, to the Protector. Having lost much by the King's party for services to Parliament, and wishing as I grew old to secure portions for my children, I bought a rent charge of 100*l.* a year from Rich. Hutton, of Goldsborough, co. York, who paid the first 50*l.* in Sept. 1654, but falling into that unhappy rebellion, he has since refused it, saying the Commonwealth has seized all his estate, so my children are like to be undone. I beg examination and relief. With reference to the Major General and Commissioners for the peace of the county to examine, 9 Dec. 1656; and their report that the purchase of the rent charge on lands at Cawmire, Farleton, and Overforth, Westmoreland, was a real transaction. York, 30 Jan. 1656–7. [2 *papers.*] *Annexing,*

3. I. *Narrative of the case of Hitch's children, containing fuller details of the purchase.* [1 *page.*]

March 3. **4.** Like petition to the Protector, for leave to extend the rest of the unsold lands of Mr. Hutton, for breach of covenant and non-payment of the rent charge, he having assigned those on which it was fixed long before, though intending to redeem them. With reference to Council, 25 Feb. 1657. [1 *page.*]

March 3. Order thereon by Council that the rent charge of 100*l.* a year be allowed him for 2 lives out of the rents of Walkingham, part of Mr. Hutton's estate. Approved 12 March. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 742, 760.]

March 3. **5.** Petition of Wm. Covell, of Enfield, Middlesex, to the Protector. By my marriage with Dorothy, widow and executrix of Major Rich. Beaumont, I am entitled to his personal estate; 218*l.* is due to him for arrears, and I have also bought of Capt. Jas. Straughan and 4 others arrears entered and claimed in Worcester House, amounting to 490*l.* Hearing that Enfield Chace is to be disposed of to pay Army arrears, I beg that the Commissioners of Assessments for soldiers in Worcester House may examine the said accounts, send them to the Trustees for sale of Crown lands, and authorize the Trustees to give bonds for their payment out of Enfield Chase. [⅔ *page.*]

March 3. Order thereon in Council that the Worcester House Committee give debentures for payment, and that the Trustees give bonds thereon to be accepted in purchase of any Crown lands, in like manner as bonds given for the rest of the army. Approved 12 March. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 744, 760.]

[March 3.] **6.** Petition of the inhabitants of Hamsted Norris, co. Berks, to the Protector. The maintenance of our minister being very small, the Committee for Plundered Ministers ordered an augmentation of 50*l.* a year for our late minister, John Lewin, who laboured faithfully 7 years, and died last November, after 1½ years' sickness, which wasted his estate, and he has left a widow and 4 infant children upon our parish, already overburdened with poor. We beg for the widow the 2 years' arrears of the augmentation ending 25 March 1657, as she provided a good supply during her husband's sickness and since his death. 17 signatures. Recommended by Corn. Holland and Sam. Wightwick. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

6. i. *Certificate by Sam. Bellingham, treasurer for augmentations for co. Berks, that* 1½ *years' payment of the augmentation to Lewin is in arrears, for want of which he suffers much distress.* 22 *July* 1656. *Deposed to by Anne Lewin, his widow,* 22 *May* 1657, *before Dr. Wm. Harington, Master in Chancery.* [⅔ *page.*]

March 3. Reference thereon in Council to the Treasury Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 744.]

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1, 2. Approval of augmentations advised by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, of 80*l.* to the minister of Julian's, in Shrewsbury, co. Salop, and of 40*l.* to Fras. Wiltocks, minister of East Budleigh, co. Devon. Approved by the Protector 3 March.

3, 4. The said Trustees to settle augmentations of 30*l.* on the minister of Little Raveley, co. Hunts, and of 40*l.* on Thos. Ewens, pastor of a church at Bristol. Approved 3 March.

5. Order on petition of several inhabitants of Owston, co. York—that the parish consists of several hamlets and many families, and the maintenance for a minister is but 20*l.*, and the 10*l.* formerly allowed from Darington tithes is now denied, and 40*l.* from a rectory of Sir Gervase Clifton's is taken away by his composition—to advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle on him 40*l.* out of the improved rent of Fishlake rectory. Approved 3 March.

6. Order on petition of Thos. Ellis, and other inhabitants of Bristol—that Thos. Ewens, pastor of a church there, and his congregation, have free use of Leonard's church for religious exercises

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when they need it, which order the magistrates and all concerned are to observe. Approved 3 March.

7. The petition of the inhabitants of Aylesbury borough, co. Bucks, for renewal of their charter, with immunities and alterations specified, referred to Mr. Beck, and the rest of the Committee on Charters, to prepare a draft charter, and to report.

8. The petition of Lieut.-Col. Hunkyn, governor of Scilly, and his proposals, referred to Lambert, Jones, Mulgrave, Strickland, and Montague, to report.

9. The petition of Denzell Hollis, Fras. Pierrepoint, Sir Lionel Tollemache, and John Millward, referred to Lambert, Jones, Wolsley, and Mulgrave, to report.

His Highness present.

10. A letter from Col. Thos. Blunt to the Lord President, dated Writtlemarch, 3 March, read.

11. Order on 2 papers—*viz.*, a note of the charge necessary for Cardiff garrison (beside gunpowder), 62*l.*; and a note of the charge for repairing the carriages, platforms, and other necessaries for guns at Tenby, 109*l.*—that Frost pay Major Dawkins 100*l.* on account, towards the necessities of the above garrisons. Approved 12 March.

12. The petition of Robt. Packhurst referred to the Irish Committee, to report.

13. Order—on a report from the Committee of Council to whom the papers relating to Geo. Middleton and Somerford Oldfield were referred—that they be discharged, and the seizure of their estates taken off, in respect of anything contained in the articles and depositions against them, and the Maj.-General and County Commissioners to take order accordingly. Approved 12 March. *Annexing,*

7. *Report alluded to, signed by Jones and Wolsley.* [⅔ *page.*]

14. Order—on a report from the Commissioners for Articles, concerning salaries in arrear to officers who attended them, and to John Hurst, counsellor for the State, to advise an order to pay Hurst 50*l.* on account of his salary.

15. To advise his Highness to appoint Mr. Secretary to speak with Lord Geo. Fleetwood, about sending an envoy to the Emperor of Muscovy.

His Highness withdrew.

17. Approval of instructions prepared by the Admiralty Commissioners, on a reference from Council for Nath. Luke, as providore for the fleet at Tetuan.

18. To advise his Highness to authorize Luke to be providore at Tetuan, and to give him the instructions agreed on.

19. On petition of Rudolph Van Struch, envoy from James, Duke of Courland—that he is owner of the Lovyssa Charletta, alias the Arms of Courland, of 4000*l.* value, which arriving at London, under conduct of John Brandt, master, a feigned action has been brought into the Admiralty Court by John Buck and Charles Marisco,

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merchants of this State, and factors for the Duke, against the said master, on whose fraudulent confession, and without proofs, the ship is condemned and ordered to be sold, and the Duke was not informed till the time for appeal had run out, whereby the Duke, who is a stranger and unacquainted with the usages of that Court, is left without remedy in the ordinary course—order that the Admiralty Judges certify the facts of the case to Council next Thursday, and that all proceedings against the ship be stayed for 14 days.

20. Order—on reading a draft letter prepared according to an order of 22 Jan. last—to advise his Highness to sign the said letter to the Commissioners for Administration of Justice in Scotland.

22. Order—upon that of 20 Nov. last, relative to Scarborough Castle—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Col. Edw. Salmon 150*l.* out of the receipts of the Prize Office, on account of the repairs of the castle, and the providing of bedding for the soldiers.

26. Order on a paper presented by Sir John Barkstead, Major General of Middlesex and Westminster, and Deputy-General of London—shewing that the total of money raised by the extraordinary tax in the said places for the year ending 24 Jan. 1656-7 is 1,087*l.* 9*s.* 0*d.*, and the total charge of the militia troop and civil officers, beside contingencies, is 1,818*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.*, leaving a deficit of 730*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.*—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the deficit.

30. Approval by the Protector of 10 orders of 24 Feb. and 3 March. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 736-745.]

March 3. The Protector to the Commissioners for Administration of Justice in Scotland. In April 1656 we referred it to you to execute an order for the relief of debtors in Scotland who are willing to satisfy their debts, but we now hear, by petitions from some concerned, that little or nothing has been done for their relief. As the time limited is nearly expired, we recommend you the more speedily to execute the said order. [*I.* 77, *p.* 741.]

March 3. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the President and Council in Scotland. His Highness and Council having, by their order of 22 Jan., remitted the residue of 1,166*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, imposed on Alexander, Earl of Murray by the Ordinance of Pardon, on his giving security to pay 500*l.* to the State's use, half before Aug. 1, 1657, and half before Feb. 1, 1657-8; as part of the sum owing to the late Lieut.-Col. Cobbett's child and the secured half of 1,405*l.* due to the late Col. Horton's child remain still unpaid, we desire you to devote Murray's money to paying Cobbett's child, and to pay the 702*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* due to Horton's child to Cornet John Baynes, to deliver to Horton's administrator for the child; the money to be paid either from the said fine, or from the first that comes in towards the 40,000*l.* fines mentioned in an order of 13 Nov., payable out of confiscated estates in Scotland. You are to take effectual order that the said children receive the money. [*I.* 77, *p.* 966.]

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March 3. Instructions to Nath. Luke appointed to reside at Tetuan as providore for the fleet:—

(1.) You are to furnish such of our ships as are ordered by the Generals of our Fleet to repair to Tetuan with the necessary victuals.

(2.) On delivery of provisions or stores to ships, you are to take a receipt from the purser, attested under the captain's hand.

(3.) You are from time to time to transmit to the Admiralty Commissioners duplicates of such receipts, that the charge may be placed to the account of the persons concerned.

(4.) You are to inform the Generals of the Fleet, or such commanders as shall be appointed to ride with any squadron within the Straits, of anything you shall judge may assist them in their service.

(5.) You are to observe any further orders we may issue, and render us account of your proceedings. [*I.* 77, *p.* 740.]

March $\frac{4}{14}$. **8.** Toby Tully [Sir Edw. Hyde] to Mr. Deane, at Mr. White's, care of Mr. Lewis, Gray's Inn. I was glad to hear from you, fearing that you or your friend were ill, and being in trouble about Mr. Pattison. If he do not lessen his charges, he will fall into a consumption, and we shall all repent it too late. Persuade him to take the air, and visit his friends at Nuton. There were many unfortunate accidents as to the gentleman who visited him at Oatley. Mr. Wakefield, knowing what was like to fall out, gave notice to Mr. White, who wrote to Mr. Sherborne, and White being just then in trouble, the letter was not sent.

Tom Heslington desires that Mr. Paltipu would return that gentleman's visit, and speak freely with him about the heads, and her portion, and he will find him very ready to advance the match; he knows more of the jointure and what will be insisted on than you are aware of, but he must not be suspected to deal in it. If this can be done, it will prevent many inconveniences about the treaty. Send me word whether Paltipu is willing; if not some other course must be thought of. Remember me to Mr. Rudd. [1 *page. Copy of an intercepted letter; the proper names cypher, but no key.*]

March $\frac{4}{14}$. **9.** ——— to Epiydgens. I hope my last has cleared your misapprehensions. Your master wishes you to give notice as often and particularly as you can of things relating to his traffic. I cannot answer those forward accounts I gave you of his early wagging; I was not only nor easily deceived. I must refer you to the bearer as to whether he will be able to make his adventure this spring. My master would be glad to hear that you had prevailed with Mr. V. to take cognizance of his affairs where he is. Mr. Wm's friend is now supposed to be in safe conversation and he deceives much, if he proves frolic now. His promise of endeavour is kindly taken. [*Intercepted copy.* $\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

9. I. *Charles II. to* ———. *"What money you receive from any of my friends for me I would have you return,* *and dispose of according to the directions you have received from*

Your affectionate friend,
CHARLES R."

[*Noted that this was written with the King's own hand, signed with his name, and sealed with his own seal.*]

March 4. **10.** Petition of Jas. Porter to the King. My seeming disobedience in not strictly obeying your commands proceeded from ignorance, not understanding the limits of my restraint, and believing I had satisfied its intentions in not prosecuting the quarrel complained of, and thus submitting to your injunction. I would not willingly have aggravated my first offence with a second, but attribute my errors to youth and ignorance, and restore me to your favour and the liberty of your Court. [⅔ *page.*]

March 5. Note that this day the vote for 2 Houses passed, the number and power of the Lords to be debated on Thursday. The vote for his Highness to declare his successor passed, and soon there will be a general establishment of the Government. [*Scrap, copy, French correspondence.*]

March 5. **11.** Petition of Anne, widow of Col. Thos. Ayloffe, to the Protector. My husband waited 10 years at great expense for his arrears for service of 1,900*l.*, to pay a great debt with interest, wherewith his lands lay chargeable till the wars, but received nothing. You ordered, in consideration of his imprisonment at Colchester, and of 600*l.* due to his father, Serj. Ayloffe, by the late King, that he should be a receiver-general, and North Wales was assigned him; but in 2 years it cost him 300*l.* in travelling to and from his habitation in Essex, and he only received 50*l.* I brought my husband 300*l.* a year in land, but all is mortgaged to creditors. I beg payment of my husband's arrears, and of his damages in his receivership; also employment for my eldest son, "who is ingenuous and fearing God," but is seemingly cut off from hopes of enjoying the estate held by his ancestors for some past ages. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

11. I. *Petition of Col. Thos. Ayloffe to the Treasury Commissioners. On my representing my condition to his Highness, and tendering my services, he appointed me to be a receiver in some of the counties, with a real intention for my advantage. North Wales (out of which Cheshire, the principal part, was taken and assigned to another receiver) was assigned me, and as I live in Essex, I have had heavy travelling expenses these* 2 *years. I have waited* 11 *years, at great cost of time and money, for my arrears, but received nothing for them, or for a long imprisonment at Colchester. I beg some suitable employment. Read* 16 *Dec.* 1656. [1 *page.*]

11. II. *Report thereon by the Treasury Commissioners that he should be removed to some other employment.* 18 *Dec.* 1656. [½ *page.*]

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March 5. Reference by Council of Mrs. Ayloffe's petition, and the said report, to any three of the Council, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 748.]

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1, 2. Order on report from the Committee on the settling of the payments for his Highness' household expenses, that the Treasury Commissioners pay John Maidstone 6,000*l.*, to complete the allowance due for the quarter beginning 16 Dec. 1656, and 4,000*l.* in advance towards the 16,000*l.* due next quarter, out of money coming in on Vyner and Backwell's contract for Spanish plate.

3. Sydenham, Jones, Strickland, Desborow, and Lambert to consider how the 12,000*l.* alleged by Maidstone to be owing for an overplus of expense in the 3 last years may best be paid, and report.

4. In last Tuesday's order on petition of Robt. Hitch, of Guisley, clerk, and his children, concerning a rent charge of 100*l.* a year out of the estate of Rich. Hutton, of Goldsborough, co. York, and secured by statute to be paid for 2 lives—the words to be inserted, "that the said rent charge of 100*l.* be allowed to the said Thos. Hitch for himself and children during the said 2 lives, out of the rents of Walkingham, co. York, part of Hutton's estate, which the York Commissioners are to allow accordingly, and the tenants of Walkingham are to pay, *viz.*, 50*l.* on 25 March and 50*l.* on 29 Sept. yearly.

5. Order on Mr. Secretary's report of his interview with Lord Geo. Fleetwood, according to Council's order of Tuesday last, to advise his Highness to send an envoy to the Duke of Muscovy.

6. To advise his Highness to appoint a fit person accordingly, and order suitable instructions to be given him.

8. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 400*l.* for Council's contingencies, which he is to advance to Mr. Meadows for his journey to Denmark.

9, 10. The Committee on Meadows' affairs to consider what salary should be allowed him as envoy, and report; also how best he may have satisfaction for the 100*l.* a year ordered to be settled on him for 99 years, and to report.

12. 11. The Admiralty Commissioners to order a fit ship to transport him to Hamburg.

12. 200*l.* to be added to the 730*l.* 13*s.* ordered last Tuesday to pay arrears to the militia troop of Middlesex, and Westminster, and London, and the civil officers attending the Commissioners of the county and cities.

13. The respective Majors General to cause the money raised by the extraordinary tax not yet paid in, to be distributed fairly towards satisfaction of arrears due to the militia troops in their associations. Approved 12 March.

16. On report from the Committee on petition of Patrick Gillespie, principal of Glasgow University—that as the University, under his Highness' favour, has so improved and increased as to

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oblige the building of several new rooms, which, though still unfinished, have already cost 2,500*l.*, whereof much is still owing, they request further favours for this as well as for erecting several professions, yet wanting for lack of maintenance, and for increase of the library. Also on a paper of proposals from Mr. Gillespie of the draft of a warrant for his Highness' signature, which was compared with a former warrant granted by the late King for a charter, the state whereof is reported in a certificate from Mr. Jessop and Mr. Beck for comparison; also on the report from the said Committee of their opinion; the said report recommends—

(1.) That a new charter should be granted, confirming their ancient revenue.

(2.) An exemption from taxation according to the old charter.

(3.) A power of jurisdiction within the lands appertaining to the said University, according to the 3rd proposal.

(4.) A privilege of printing all sorts of books useful to the corporation, according to the 4th proposal.

(5.) A confirmation of endowments bestowed by his Highness and Council's ordinance of 8 Aug. 1654, according to the 5th proposal.

(6.) A new bestowal of such revenue as formerly belonged to the Dean and Chapter of Glasgow, and has not been given for maintenance of ministers nor paid to the State's use, if it do not exceed 200*l.* a year, and the University to make their claim within 18 months of the date of their new charter, and limit it to the places specified in the said draft warrant annexed to Beck and Jessop's report.

(7.) That for increase of their library and buildings in the University, according to the 7th proposal, they should have, for 7 years from date of the new charter, all vacant stipends of churches whereof the University are titulars and proprietors of the benefices and tithes for the first year of the vacancy or less. This to extend only to the stipends usually disposed of for pious uses, in case of vacancy, by the presbyteries and parishioners.

Order to advise his Highness to approve the above-named report, and issue a warrant for preparing the charter accordingly. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 746–750.]

March 6. Bury St. Edmunds. **13.** Order at the gaol delivery that Anne Blacklyn [Quaker], of Ladbridge, co. York, convict for disturbance of a minister in Haverill parish church, is to remain in prison till she has paid a fine of 20 nobles. With order prefixed from Thos. Barnardiston to the keeper of Bury Gaol to receive her into custody for calling the minister in Haverill church, priest, hireling, deceiver, &c., to which she has confessed, and refuses to find sureties for her appearance. 16 Dec. 1656. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

March $\frac{6}{16}$. Paris. **14.** Chas. Perrott to Williamson. Mr. Stradling has gone for Italy, leaving me a crown, and Col. Finch is to pay me 20 sous more. How shall I dispose of it? If for any office in the army,

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Finch will give it cheap, having sold a captainship to Mr. Sanderson for 50 pistoles, to enjoy when Finch comes to power, according to the obligation lately found by the Duke of Buckingham.

Col. Lockhart entered Paris last Wednesday in the King's coach, and met by the ambassadors and several court officers, 4 pages, 16 lacqueys, and 8 or 10 led horses, but he is vexed that out of the great number of English there, only merchant Wildgoose went out to meet him. He spoke at his audience at the Louvre through an interpreter, and had as much honour as former ambassadors. There was a dispute for precedence between the ambassadors of Savoy and Holland.

There is much talk of a coronation at London; the letters say it has been voted in Parliament, opposed only by 14, but his Highness will not accept it unless it pass *nem. con.* The breach between the King and Duke of York is not quite made up; poor hopes of a kingdom divided, or of brothers where the bond of unity is broken.

P.S.—Mr. Fuller, the ambassador's chaplain, tells us the coronation is a certain thing, and will surely come to pass soon. [1 *page.*]

March 7. **15.** Mich. Hampson to Viscount Conway. Thanks for your favour in my business. I should have written you earlier, only I expected to return you some moneys due to me in this town, but am disappointed thereof. I will, as you wish it, remit to Major Rawdon the overplus of the fine due by me out of my fine of Magherleate. I have delivered him my accounts, and paid by his order for you 290*l.* of the last rents; you gave me no orders how to dispose of them. Rawdon orders all for the best, though you have not yet received satisfaction about your disbursements.

I have served you and your father 15 years, and if I have transgressed, it has been through ignorance. Business transactions. [2 *pages.*]

March $\frac{7}{17}$. B[arcelona.] Geo. Pawly to Mat. Bonnell, London [alias Richard White, to his brother John]. Yesterday Tabbers, an English merchant, who has long lived here, was sent to prison for corresponding with Cromwell and his party. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page, partly in cypher, decyphered.** *Extract, French correspondence.*]

March $\frac{8}{18}$. Maestricht. Earl of Norwich to the King. I have heard from my decrepid son that in April he intended to pass through France, Lord Jermyn having sent him a pass, and much desired to speak with me on the frontier before he came to this Court. I beg your leave for the same before I use the pass which Don Alonso de Cardenas has sent me, and which I asked lest the ministers here might formalize upon it and prejudice your service, unless I first told them of it. Pray order Sec. Nicholas to signify your pleasure herein. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{9}{19}$. [Sec. Thurloe to Amb. Lockhart.] Parliament is still debating the remonstrance, the issue not yet to be seen. Surely they show very much affection to his Highness in all their debates, and I believe have as great confidence in him as people ever had of a prince. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

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* A partial key to the cypher in which this and several subsequent letters are written will be found in the Cypher Collection, Public Record Office, Vol. 6, No. 50.

March 9. Whitehall. Maj. Firbank to Wm. Swift. Parliament are still on the great business of altering the Government. They have voted that his Highness shall choose his successor, and that Parliament shall consist of two Houses. They have spent some time on the qualifications of the members.

Some of the army officers have been discontented, but are satisfied with the present proceedings, and desire rather to wait and see what Providence will produce than meddle with things they understand not. I trust that for the good of these nations the Lord will incline his Highness to close with what Parliament shall offer. The debate for the present Government is passed very successfully. [1 *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

March 9. Leghorn. **16.** Chas. Longland to Vice-Adm. Badiley, London. I notice what you say about Lisbon, that if the fleet should return home, the beverage wine would be cast on our hands and lost, as the customs would eat it up. I have had a great deal of trouble in the business, and cannot get above 100 butts; I have agreed with a ship to go to Naples to take it in and deliver it to the fleet; its scarceness at Leghorn is attributed to the sickness in Naples, which hinders their trade with Leghorn. Dutch Ruyter has been here with 6 ships of war, and went towards Spain last week; it is reported that he took 2 French men-of-war. The Dutch vapour much, as well against England as France, and if they fall out with the latter, they cannot be long friends with us.

P.S., 11 March.—I have since laden 200 butts of wine in the Bachelor, and consigned it to Gen. Blake off the coast of Spain, and will send the bills of lading in my next. I hope the ship for Naples will lade 200 more, and bought at an easy rate, which will make amends for what is now bought, as a good part cost 14 and 15 rix dollars first penny; such commissions must not be given at so short a warning. I am freighting another ship to send to Trapani or Calabria. It is generally believed we shall fall out with the Dutch, and it will therefore be wise to look out in time for hemp and cordage; I think I could procure a lading or two out of Calabria, Sicily, and other parts, but it cannot be done in haste, and therefore I desire timely directions from the Commissioners as to the price of cordage, and what sorts are most useful. If they give me the commission, I will readily serve them. [1½ *pages.*]

March 10. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The contract with Ald. Vyner and others concerning the Spanish silver to be sent to the Treasury Commissioners, who are to see that it is performed.

2. Order on certificate from the Attorney-General, to whom a draft charter of Marlborough, co. Wilts, was referred, to advise the grant of the said charter.

4. Desborow, Sydenham, Lord-Deputy, Montague, and Strickland to consider Wm. Legg's demand for arrears of salary, and report.

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5. For two months to come, Mr. Secretary to be informed before passes are given beyond sea, and to have power to stay them till Council shall give further order therein, if he think fit.

6. The Earl of Mulgrave moves Mr. Secretary for a pass for John, son of Sir Hen. Compton, with 2 servants. [No pass entered in the warrant book.]

7. The petition of the inhabitants of Thame parish, co. Oxford, concerning a market at Aylesbury, referred to Mr. Beck and the rest of the Committee on Charters, to be considered with the petition for a charter for Aylesbury.

9. The ports for entering and shipping of foreign coin and bullion for transport to the East Indies or elsewhere, to be limited to London, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Bristol, and Hull.

11. The petition of Hum. Holden, Deputy-Serjeant-at-arms, and his bill of 126*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* for disbursements for entertainment of the Governor of Havannah and M. del Plato, Spanish prisoners, and their 5 servants, referred to Scobell and Jessop, to speak with the petitioners and report.

12. The petition of Frances, relict and executrix of Robt. Cunningham, clerk,—showing that he was brother and administrator of Col. Adam Cunningham, to whom 602*l.* 4*s.* 6½*d.* is due for services to the State as lieut.-colonel and colonel, as appears by a debenture under Auditor Broad's hand, dated 31 May 1645, for which she prays satisfaction out of lands in Ireland,—referred to the Lord-Deputy and Council of Ireland, to state Col. A. Cunningham's account, and satisfy what is due to her as desired, if she have a right to it. Approved 12 March.

17. 13. Col. Clerk and Capt. Hatsell to consider the petition and proposals of Col. Hunkyn, Governor of the Scilly Isles, and report their advice about the government of those islands.

14. Capt. Thos. Harrison, Governor of Upnor Castle, Kent, to receive such prisoners as Maj.-Gen. Kelsey, Col. R. Guibon, or other chief officers shall send him, and keep them till further orders.

15, 16. The petition of the inhabitants of Dunbar in Scotland, concerning defects of their harbour, and that of Robert Simpson, for himself and other creditors in Scotland, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

17. A paper signed by several of the Committee for Trade referred to Lambert, Montague, Lord Deputy, Strickland, and Pickering, to consider what salaries are due to the officers, and report. *Annexing,*

> **18.** *Request by* 7 *members of the Committee for Trade, that the salaries of their officers, settled* 11 *Jan.* 1655–6, *may be paid for the* ¾ *year of their service, until they were called to attend on the Committee of Trade appointed by Parliament.* 4 *March* 1656–7. [*Signed by R. Cromwell and* 6 *others.*]

18. To advise his Highness to confirm all the old privileges and immunities of the University of Glasgow, in their new charter.

20. Order for discharge of Wm. Lovell [*see p.* 291 *supra*] on his

releasing his action of false imprisonment against Lieut. Rich. Pinkard. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 750–755.]

March $\frac{11}{21}$. Whitehall. [Sec. Thurloe to Amb. Lockhart.] We are still on the settlement. To-morrow we go upon the money, and if we get through that business, I believe things may be agreed. All is quiet; the seeming trouble that was in the army has vanished, and they have taken this occasion to express their entire confidence in his Highness.

P.S.—12 March. Parliament has voted that his Highness shall nominate the Upper House, and are going on with the rest of the remonstrance. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

March 12. **19.** Petition of Sarah, widow of Sam. Clarke, merchant of Exeter, to the Protector. In 1643, my husband, at the earnest of the Parliamentary Commissioners for raising money for defence of Devonshire and Exeter, when all others refused, engaged himself beyond seas, and furnished them with arms, corn, &c., value 4,213*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.*, but the overthrow of the Parliamentary forces at Stratton in Cornwall prevented payment. To encourage the soldiers in Exeter to stand out, they were paid out of this corn, but were obliged to resign the city to the enemy, who, the articles of agreement notwithstanding, seized all they could discover belonging to my husband, and swore to have his life for his activity in that public work. He applied to Parliament (of which he was after a member), and they ordered him 2,000*l.*, but since his death, I have waited 3 years to get some supply for myself and children. I hope this second petition will not be successless, the case not admitting of delay, as my husband had to discharge his foreign engagements by the costly course of drawing the moneys to and fro by exchange, which has much augmented the first sum. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

19. I. *Statement by her of accounts, loans, and losses, by seizure of goods at Dartmouth and Exeter, and by taking of a ship, &c., the sum being* 2,500*l.* [½ *page.*]

March 12. Order thereon in Council to advise a warrant for payment to her of a pension of 40*s.* a week, till further order. Also that the debt owing her by the State be stated, and she paid out of such discoveries as she shall make of concealed estates, &c., to the Commissioners for Discoveries, who are to report them, in order that the money may be paid her. [*I.* 77, *p.* 755.]

March 12. **20.** Petition of Edw. Backwell, goldsmith of London, to Council. According to contract on 24 July last, had liberty to export 20,400*l.* in Spanish and Portuguese money, and has a warrant for the 20,000*l.*; begs one for the 400*l.* in wrought plate made of the Portuguese money, custom-free, being for a special friend residing beyond sea. [1 *page.*]

March 12. Reference thereon to Lambert, Jones, Sydenham, and Strickland, to consider Sir John Barkstead's certificate concerning an allowance to Sir Thos. Vyner and Edw. Backwell in respect of water soaked into the pina silver, part of their late contract; also Backwell's petition to export 400*l.* value of plate, and to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 756.]

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(The orders marked thus * were approved in person).

3,* 4.* Approval of the augmentations of 40*l.* to the minister of Penley chapel, in co. Flint, within the parish of Elsmeere, co. Salop, and of 50*l.* to Roger Wynne, minister of Conway, co. Carnarvon, advised by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers.

6.* The petition of Abr. Spence—that he was presented to the rectory of Market Bosworth, co. Leicester, with all necessary documents, but nevertheless John Rocket detains the parsonage, and other houses belonging, contrary to the proclamation of 3 July 1655; also a revocation from the Committee for Approbation of Public Preachers of a former instrument admitting Rocket to the above church, referred to the mayor of Leicester, Mr. Stanley, Hen. Smith, Mr. Pochent, and Sheffield, to examine Spence and Rocket, and report the facts of the case.

8. To advise his Highness to send Rich. Bradshaw, his resident at Hamburg, as envoy to the Great Duke of Muscovy.

9. Philip Meadows' allowance, as envoy to Denmark, to be 1,000*l.* a year.

10. The Committee on settling upon Meadows 100*l.* a year for 99 years to meet quickly and report.

11. Dover to be added to the ports for shipping goods for the East Indies, &c.

12.* Jessop reports according to an order of 27 Jan. last, that he has read the writings alleged to belong to Rich. Toomes, heir-at-law to Wm. Toomes, a felon of himself, and judges 15 indentures, receipts, &c., specified to belong to the real estate.

13. Jessop to deliver the said writings to Maj. Jeffry Elletson, who is to return them to Rich. Toomes.

14. Approval by the Protector of 12 orders, 17 Feb. to 10 March. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 755–760.]

March 12. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the President and Council in Scotland. Having in our letter of March 3 authorised you to act concerning money due to the children of Cols. Horton and Cobbett, we desire you to proceed accordingly and carry out our orders. [*I.* 77, *p.* 968.]

[March 17.] **21.** Petition of Rob. Burrowes and Jas. Heath, treasurers of Tuthill Fields Military Grounds, Westminster, to the Protector, recapitulating their former petition, and requesting that he would sign a paper for appointment of trustees, as suggested in the report thereon. [1 *page.*]

[March 17.] **22.** Like petition. With reference thereon to Council, 5 Feb. 1656–7. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

22. i., ii. *Petition of Rob. Burrowes and James Heath, treasurers for the Trustees of the Military Ground, Tuthill Fields, Westminster, to the Protector and Council. By a Parliament order of* 28 *May* 1647, 200*l.*, *with interest,* *was charged on the Grand Excise, to be paid to Thos. Fauconberg and Lawrence Swetenham, for repairing the wall and buildings in the said ground, pulled down by order of the militia, to secure the soldiers that came prisoners from Naseby fight. These receivers are both dead, and as it is a personal trust, their executors cannot receive the money, therefore the interest is* 3½ *years in arrear, being* 56*l.*, *beside the principal. We beg that Hen. Scobell and Rich. Sherwin, trustees, may be appointed receivers, and the money paid to them. With reference thereon to Scobell, to find a legal way for settling the trustees,* 22 *Nov.* 1656, *and his report that his Highness' order will be a sufficient warrant for the payment.* 12 *Dec.* 1656. [2 *papers.*]

22. III. *Parliament order of* 28 *May* 1647 *alluded to.* [1 *page, copy.*]

March 17. Order in Council thereon, requesting his Highness to empower Scobell and Sherwin to receive the money. Also approval of the draft of an order annexed to the said petition and report, appointing Scobell and Sherwin to receive the money. Approved by the Protector, 19 March. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 761, 777.]

March 17. **23.** Petition of Capt. Wm. Wheatley to the Protector, for a commission for reparation of his losses against the subjects of the King of Spain. In 1642, when master of the Willing Mind, on a merchandizing voyage for Biscay, on his return home, he was surprised by subjects of the King of Spain belonging to Flanders, his goods and ship lost, and he and his company several days imprisoned, to their damage of 1,200*l.*, according to depositions taken before a Judge of the Admiralty. He has also had other losses in later years. With reference thereon to Privy Council. [[1 *page.*]

March 17. Order thereon granting him the letters of reprisal. Approved 13 April; with the warrant therefor 13 April. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 763; *I.* 114, *p.* 70.]

[March 17.] **24.** Petition of John Mole to the Protector. Sam. Lever and I, on grant of letters of reprizal, set out the Bonadventure, which surprised the Patience, but in bringing her to England, was driven by storm to Ostend, and there the ship was seized, on pretence that she had taken in a pilot in Flanders, and was bound there, which was not true, nor pertinent if true.

I got a judgment in the Admiralty Court that she was lawful prize, and went with it to Flanders, but after great expense, was forced to return without the ship. Then you wrote to Archduke Leopold about it, and I went and delivered the letter, but could not get the prize, and I was arrested for payment of the waiters to look after her. I beg letters of reprizal against the Spaniards for my loss, being 8,000*l.*, and charges of recovery 800*l.* With reference to Privy Council, 28 Jan., 1656–7. [1¼ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

24. I. *The Protector to Leopold William, Archduke of Austria, and governor of Belgium and Burgundy, requesting the* *restoration of the said ship, according to the law of nations and the articles of peace. Westminster,* 2 *Feb.* 1654–5. [1 *page, Latin.*]

March 17. Order thereon for grant of the said letters on the usual security. Approved 13 April, with the warrant for the letters, 13 April 1657. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 763, 789; *I.* 114, *p.* 72.]

March 17. **25.** Petition of Alex. Turner to Council. By order of 9 Sept. last, you allowed me 119*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.*, due to me out of ½ of my discoveries. Ralph Baldwin, of Culverton, co. Bucks, my friend, has discovered 295*l.* 9*s.* in the hands of the Woodmongers' Company, due to the State, but as it was not stated to be prosecuted in my name or behalf, it is not liable for my payment. I beg an order for allowance of the sum, with costs therefrom. [¾ *page.*]

March 17. Order thereon for a warrant accordingly. [*I.* 77, *p.* 765.]

March 17. **26.** Petition of John Caryll to Privy Council. I petitioned his Highness for freedom from decimation, and he required a certificate from the Maj.-General and Commissioners of co. Sussex, which they have returned, and now he refers the case to you. I beg you to appoint a day for hearing my cause of decimation, and to take off that mark of disaffection. [1 *page.*]

March 17. Order thereon that the said certificate be considered next Tuesday. [*I.* 77, *p.* 765.]

March 17. **27.** Petition of John Hay for Ladies Margaret, Anne, and Sophia Erskine, sisters of the Earl of Kelly, to the Protector. Their brother being their debtor for large sums, the portions left them by their father, the Sequestration Commissioners at Leith allowed them maintenance. But now their elder brother being banished, and the younger one, who had the trust of their affairs, dead, they cannot order their debts and pay their proportion, and so may lose the benefit of the late Ordinance, and have small hope of livelihood. Beg leave for their brother to return to Scotland, to order their and their creditors' affairs, and gain his own livelihood, for he is almost in a starving condition. He will give security for peaceable behaviour. With reference thereon to Council, 26 Jan. 1656–7. [1 *sheet.*]

March 17. **28.** Reference thereon to the Committee for the affairs of Scotland, to report. [½ *page; also I.* 77, *p.* 768.]

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5. Order on certificate of the bailiff and divers inhabitants of Scarborough that letters of reprisal be granted to Capt. Sam. Dickenson, authorizing him to recover from the King of Spain, or his subjects, such damages as he shall in the Admiralty Court prove himself to have received; the Admiralty Commissioners to issue them accordingly. Approved 13 April. With warrant for the letters, 13 April. [*I.* 114, *p.* 70.]

8. Like order on petition of Thos. Gorges and others, stating their losses from the Spaniards, amounting to 6,400*l.* Approved 13 April.

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9. Order—on information that the Ursula Bonadventure, hired into the Venice service, was taken in a fight with the Turkish galleys, and in her divers English, including Geo. Davies, who has been 3 years in miserable slavery—to recommend to the Venice agent to move his superiors for Davies' release, in exchange for a Mussulman or some other subject of the Grand Seignor. *Annexing,*

29. *Request for the release of Davies, he being a purser in a ship of Wm. Garaway, merchant, hired by Venice. He rows in the galleys every summer, in chains, and in winter does miserable slavish work.* [1 *page.*]

10. Order on report from the Treasury Commissioners on the Earl of Berkshire's proposals for reforming post fines—that in the 3 years from Michaelmas 1648, the post fines yielded 3,070*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.* a year on an average; that the late King, by lease of 13 Jan. 1640-1, granted all the said profits to the Earl for 31 years, at the rent of 2,275*l.*; and that Sir Robert Howard, the Earl's son, has offered for the lease 500*l.* yearly more rent,—that the Treasury Commissioners, if they find it to the State's advantage to farm the fines, grant the said Earl a new lease, on terms advantageous to the State. Approved 19 March.

15. Order on a report from the Commissioners of Scotland on the petition of Sir Jas. Macdowell, Sir Alex. Winderborne, and others, deputies sent from Scotland, for allowance of 100*l.* each for attendance, as granted to the rest of the deputies—certifying that in 1652, on a declaration of Parliament for uniting Scotland with England, it was ordered that deputies should be chosen by the shires and burghs of Scotland consenting to the Union; and on 14 Sept. 1653, the Council of State ordered 100*l.* each to be paid by the Commissioners for confiscated estates in Scotland, to 10 of the deputies named, being 20*s.* a day to 3 June 1653, when they were discharged; and that these petitioners, with John Hume, John Jersey, John Milne, Geo. Cullen, Jas. Snord, and And. Glenn, attended till June 1653, but going shortly after into Scotland, got no allowance —that 100*l.* each be paid them from the said confiscated estates, and that the Council in Scotland issue a warrant accordingly. Approved 19 March. *Annexing,*

30. *Report alluded to, signed by Lambert and Fleetwood.* [1 *page.*]

30. I. *Certificate by Judge Swinton, one of the deputies, that the said persons attended as deputies.* [¼ *page.*]

30. II. *List of 14 Scotch deputies for the shires, and 7 for the burghs, including the above names.* [1 *page.*]

16. 300*l.*, part of the allowance of Col. Mackworth, member of Council, being ordered to his widow for the expenses of his funeral, the like sum to be paid to his son and executor, in lieu of the said 300*l.* defalked of his allowance, and Strickland to speak with him to the purport of this day's debate.

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18. Order on report of the Treasury Commissioners on petition of Mary, relict of Robt. Sankey, late sequestration solicitor, receiver of tenths in co. Stafford,—that on comparing a certificate from some county gentlemen, and one from the Sequestration Commissioners, 646*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* appears due to him as solicitor—to advise that the money be paid to Mary Sankey out of the arrears of rent for Macclesfield Forest, which the county auditors shall certify to be paid to the Treasury Commissioners.

19. Before discharging Robert Sankey's account, dated 2 Sept. 1654, it is to be audited according to due course.

31. 20. The Admiralty Commissioners to order 6 months' victuals for 2,000 men of the fleet, to be ready on any emergency. Approved 19 March.

21. Also speedily to appoint a fit ship to transport the Earl of Dorset and his retinue to Dieppe. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 755–769.]

March 17. London. Levant Company to Spencer Bretton, Consul at Smyrna. Since our last of Dec. 19, we have yours of Nov. 27, showing of how little consequence the consulage extraordinary is likely to prove, if limited only to such as are not creditors, and of your enforcement to raise a leviation of 1½ dollars per cloth. On consideration, we repeal the order for extraordinary consulage, knowing that if you carefully collect single consulage, it will defray the charges there. If on any occasion the consulage happens to fall short, we are content that a moderate leviation be made for supply thereof, care being taken for an impartial receipt of the consulage, whereby to prevent leviations, and on necessary occasions, to moderate them so as to be least burdensome to trade.

This is sent by the Phœnix, which, with the Hunter, is laden for Smyrna; also the Castle frigate, bound for Leghorn and Smyrna, whose entries you will receive by each of them from our husband, with intimation of such as have or have not entered here. We pray you give the treasurer all assistance to hinder loss by short entries, &c. Let him and other treasurers continue the course now used of expressing the weight of silks and other commodities; also of satisfying us with the consulage of every ship apart, with every factor's name, by whom laden, and for whose account, as ordered in our last, wherein we explained our resolution concerning contraband goods, as fruit, cute, and corn, the lading whereof we expressly prohibit.

We are glad the rumours of taking up Christian ships for transporting the Grand Seignor's soldiers to the Islands of Lemnos and Tenedos is come to nothing, and hope you will avoid their engagement in services of this kind.

Hearing you are in doubt concerning the consulage on steel and cloth rashes, we have settled steel at 10 dollars the quintal, and a cloth rash is to be equally valued with a Suffolk cloth.

In your last account, of 28 Oct. 1656, our auditors observed several extravagant sums which we shall not allow as due; *viz.* 197 dollars spent on Nov. 5, which we have so often disclaimed, and 39 dollars for Jef. Keble's burial, although his salary be paid after, out of which that charge ought to have been paid. [*Levant papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 286–7.]

March 17. London. Levant Company to Henry Riley, Consul at Aleppo. By ours of June 16, we ordered that when our debts abroad were cleared, a consulage extraordinary should be taken to clear our debts at home; but on information from the Consul at Smyrna, we have revoked the order, and desire you to collect single consulage only, which ought to suffice for ordinary charges, if properly collected; but if it fall short, on any special occasion you may make a moderate leviation.

We have received yours of 9 June, with the treasurer's accounts, and a list of leviations, giving notice of Mr. Frampton's arrival and of the course you have taken for securing the Company's books sent over with him, by registering a list in Cancellaria, of which we approve.

We observe the trouble you have had with the covetous Vizier, in his passage from the Bashalic of Damascus, without receiving any greater civility from him, or return for his present, than the continuance of the 1½ per cent. on money without advancing the same, which he would pretend for a favour, though he would not afford you justice, which you may be able to procure at a more seasonable time.

Meanwhile collect our consulage on the Dover Merchant, and on all others. Our husband will send you an account of the entries on her, for your guidance in receiving our dues.

P.S.—We have received yours of Aug. 28, and approve your choice of a new treasurer and auditor, for proving the former account, with particulars therein mentioned. [*Levant papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 287–8.]

March $\frac{18}{28}$. Whitehall. [Sec. Thurloe to Amb. Lockhart.] Parliament has nearly gone through the remonstrance, and matters of religion are better settled for liberty of conscience than ever they were in England, and much beyond what any man expected this Parliament would have done. If the Lord bless the endeavours of some men, we may come to a settlement. [*Extract, French correspondence,*]

March 19. **32.** Petition of Capt. Rich. Moyse, of Debenham, Suffolk, to the Protector. I hazarded my life and fortune both in England and Scotland, and my disbursements and arrears are 800*l.* When the nation was settled, I farmed the estate of Capt. Thos. Bedingfield, recusant, of Suffolk, and the County Commissioners allowed me my arrears of rent, *viz.*, 132*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* in part of my disbursements. But as the revenue and arrears of recusants are brought into the Exchequer, I am threatened with seizure for arrears; I beg that they may be discharged, and I eased of future trouble. [1 *page.*]

March 19. Order thereon in Council that if he can prove that the arrears due to him are more than his arrears of rent, the latter be remitted to him, and allowed him on account. Mr. Jessop, a clerk of Council, to examine his accounts. [*I.* 77, *p.* 770.]

March 19. **33.** Petition of the justices of peace for co. Herts to the Protector. During the late war, several sums raised by the inhabitants for militia and other emergencies were received by treasurers, collectors, and others, and most of it issued to the said uses, but

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a small part remains in their hands. The country has been of late swarmed with idle vagrants, who cause great charge in passing them away, and the erection and repair of houses of correction, gaols, bridges, &c., will be a great burden. Beg to be authorized, at the quarter sessions, to call the holders of money to account, and to spend what remains for the benefit of the county. 17 signatures. [1 *page.*]

March 19. Order thereon in Council granting the petition, and requiring all the receivers of the said monies to give in their accounts to the justices, and to pay what remains in their hands. Approved in person. [*I.* 77, *p.* 771.]

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(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1. The report on the petition of James, Earl of Abercorn recommitted to the same Committee, who are to consider Sir James Hamilton's petition, consult therein with some gentlemen of Scotland, and report.

2. The report of the Attorney and Solicitor General on the business of the Ballasting Office referred to Jones, Mulgrave, Desborow, Lord Deputy, Montague, Pickering, and Strickland, to report.

3.* Order on certificate from Wm. Sedgwick on an order of Council [*see* 10 *Feb.* 1656–7], that on Rob. Mason's paying or securing 11,000*l.* for the children of Maj.-Gen. Rob. Sedgwick, he may have liberty to come to England, and pardon for his delinquency, in such way as thought fit by the counsel learned, who are to report thereon. *Annexing,*

34. *Certificate by Wm. Sedgwick, entreating that on Mason's paying the said sum, his outlawry may be reversed, or he have his pardon, and a pass for his safe return to England, on security for subjection to his Highness and government.* 11 *March* 1656–7. *With the order of reference prefixed.* [1 *page.*]

5. The Army Committee to state and report to Council what sums they charge upon Gen. Desborow on his receipts as Major to Lord Fairfax's regiment from 1647.

7*. Orders having been given for recruiting his Highness' 2 regiments, and those of Sir Thos. Pride, Sir John Barkstead, and Col. Mills, each of the colonels is to have from the Ordnance stores 400 matchlocks with bandoleers, and 200 pikes, the Admiralty Commissioners to issue warrants to the Ordnance officers for their delivery, and the colonels to keep them free from embezzlement, and in a fit condition for use.

8.* After delivery of the said arms, 1,000 firelocks, 2,000 matchlocks, and 1,000 bandoleers, ordered 12 Feb. last for Ireland, are to be sent by the Admiralty Commissioners.

9. Order on report from Gen. Desborow—that the late King, Car. 3, granted a lease for 31 years of 1,000 acres in Dean Forest to John Guibon, who sold it to Sir Rob. Bannister, which sale was confirmed by the King, with the fee and disafforestation of the lands; that Sir Robert left it to his grandchild, Lord Maynard, then

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under age; that as the land lies in the heart of the forest, convenient for his Highness, Lord Maynard consented to sell it for 1,500*l.* from the iron works in the forest, and this before the passing of the Act voiding the patent, and settling the lands on his Highness—that his Highness issue a warrant for payment to Lord Maynard of 1,500*l.* out of the iron works in the Forest of Dean. *Annexing,*

35. *Report alluded to, adding to the above statements that Sir Robert Bannister disafforested the lands, and that he paid* 3,400*l. for them, but is willing to accept* 1,500*l.* [1 *page.*]

10. The petition of Nath. Parker, of Gray's Inn, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to state the case, and report.

11.* In pursuance of an order of 4 April 1656, for a Privy Seal for 92,616*l.* 5*s.* 10½*d.* to be renewed and continued till next October—order that the Treasury Commissioners forbear till next Oct. 1st to pay or order payments out of any revenue which shall grow due to the War-treasurers on the patent whereby the above sum was ordered to be paid them for the army's use; and that they dispose of the money received and not paid to the War-treasurers out of the revenue, whereby the said 92,616*l.* 5*s.* 10½*d.* should have been paid, towards such other payments as shall be charged on the Exchequer, whether by Privy Seals or letters patent, and receive discharge accordingly.

12. Order on report of the Committee of Council on Meadows' case—that they cannot find any lands from which the 100*l.* a year ordered him 15 July [*see p.* 22, *supra*] can be paid—to advise, as he is speedily going envoy to Denmark, an order for 1,000*l.* to be paid him gratis, in lieu of the 100*l.* a year.

13. To advise his Highness to order Phil. Meadows' immediate dispatch on his business as envoy to Denmark.

14. The Treasury Commissioners to receive the contract made with Edw. Backwell, goldsmith of London, for so much of the 50,000*l.* as has been returned from Portugal, and see the contract performed.

18. Order that—as by Council's order of 28 Aug. 1656, the rest of the Portugal money was to be delivered by the Master of the Mint to Edw. Backwell, he paying 2 per cent. above Mint rate, on which he should be allowed to export it custom free; and as by warrant of 11 Sept. 1656, the Customs' Commissioners were ordered to allow him to export foreign, Mexican, Sevile, and other Spanish coin, value 27,658*l.*—the licence be now extended to Portuguese coin.

19.* A citadel to be speedily built at Portsmouth, to secure the town and harbour, and Montague, Jones, Desborow, and Strickland to see to its being done, and consider how to raise and assign the necessary money.

22. Approval by the Protector of 6 warrants of 17 March.* [*I.* 77, *pp.* 769–777.]

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* The records of the sittings of Council from 19 March to 7 April do not appear in the Council order books.

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March 19. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Governor and Deputy-Governor of Hull, and to Luke Robinson, Col. Bethell, and Col. Lassells. His Highness and Council, noting how important it is that Hull garrison should be kept defensible and secure, and hearing that some of the works are defective, request you to view the garrison, observe its defects, consult with able workmen about its repair, and report an estimate of costs. [*I.* 77, *p.* 775.]

March 19. **36.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. The provost tells me yours requires no answer, nor do I think that [Selden's] Eutichius is yet finished, for we see not a book. We will send your goods by Dieppe, for ships rarely go to Nantes. Young Whorwood wrote from Paris to me and to the master of New College. I sent you a letter from his father, who promises to pay me an old debt. Business matters. Purchase of books. Mr. Smith enquires for your return. I told him that in a few months you intended for Italy.

Our Parliament are on the great work, and will hear nothing till that is finished; we suppose by Easter we may hear of a King. They have voted his revenue 1,300,000*l.*; the Sanhedrim or House of Lords to be 70. It is said we are in strict confederacy with France, and shall send some thousands shortly for Flanders. We are sending an envoy for Denmark in the Swede's behalf. Say when you intend for Italy.

P.S.—Nedum, our news writer, being last night in Dr. Goodwin's chamber at Whitehall, the Protector asked him the news. He told him that *vox populi* said Mr. Nye should be Archbishop of Canterbury, and Dr. Owen of York. [1 *page.*]

March $\frac{20}{30}$. Nimeguen. Capt. John Griffith to Sec. Nicholas. Mr. Lovell gave me hopes 6 weeks since that you would answer my last, and I yet hope you will consider my lamentable condition, aggravated daily; till his Majesty and Royal Highness relieve or wholly deliver me out of it, I am the most miserable creature breathing.

P.S.—Sir Fras. Mackworth sends humble service, and says he has written twice or thrice since he heard from you. Capt. Bedles sends service. [1½ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{21}{31}$. Paris. [Amb. Lockhart to Sec. Thurloe.] I have seen Lord Falconbridge, who is a person of great merit, and has all the qualities to fit him for the service of his Highness and the country, for which he professes great zeal. He is much troubled that his enemies give him out to be a Catholic, and has purged himself from having any inclination that way. He hopes his Highness will have exact enquiries made as to his carriage in England, that his innocence may be vindicated, and the malice of his accusers discovered. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

March 22. / April 1. Dunkirk. **37.** Admiralty Judges of Dunkirk to the Admiralty Commissioners. We beg the release of Jno. de Biurco, in exchange for some Scotch and English prisoners at Dunkirk. We agreed 3 weeks since to release 2 masters and a merchant in exchange for him, and sent over the act, but without effect, it being believed that he is a person of quality, and secretary to his most serene Highness; but he is only a poor clerk at the Court at Brussels, where he has resided for 30 years, with his wife and children, and upon a salary insufficient to support them. [2 *pages. French.*]

March 22. / April 1. **38.** English translation of the above. [1 *page.*]

March 23. **39.** Petition of Mary Fitzjames to the Protector. I petitioned a year ago [*see* 4 *Dec.* 1655] for the estate of my husband, involved in the late guilt in the West. I beg you to grant me the 10*l.* a year, and refer me to the Treasury Commissioners for payment. With reference to Privy Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

39. I. *Certificate by H. Burwell, Remembrancer of the Exchequer, that by inquisition at Blandforum, co. Dorset,* 12 *Oct.* 1655, *the estate of Thos. Fitzjames of Hanley, of* 93 *acres, was valued at* 10*l. a year.* [⅔ *pages.*]

39. II., III. *Report of the Treasury Commissioners on the case, that if the estate be granted to her, it should be by a lease on trust for her, during the time of his Highness' interest therein.* 5 *Feb.* 1655–6. [*Original and copy.*]

39. IV. *Certificate by Gab. Saywell, minister of Pentridge, in favour of Mary Langford, now Fitzjames, whose husband entered into the rebellion much against her will. She was servant to Cols. Norton and Elliott during the troubles. Signed by Col. Rich. Norton and Edw. Butler,* 10 *Feb.* 1656–7. [1 *page.*]

March 24. **40.** Certificate by the Mint officers, on an order of 24 July last, authorizing the Master of the Mint, to receive of Mr. Maynard by weight the money that came from Portugal, that there were delivered 133,642¾ pieces of 8 in Seville and Mexico money, weighing 9,601 lbs. 9 oz. troy. In Portugal money 103,070 crowns, weighing 6,128 lbs. 3 oz. 10 dwts.; also 3 pieces of Portugal gold, weighing 16 dwts. 12 grs. Also that by order of Council, 20,000*l.* worth was delivered to Edw. Backwell, goldsmith of London. [1½ *pages.*]

[March 24.] **41.** Statement of the reasons why the total value of this silver and gold, 47,116*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*, falls short of the 49,500*l.* at which it was first computed. [1⅔ *pages.*]

[March 24.] **42.** Note that as Backwell is to pay 20*l.* upon every 1,000*l.*, the sum will be raised to 48,058*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*, of which he has paid 20,400*l.*, and 27,658*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* remains to be paid. [½ *page.*]

March 24. / April 3. Bruges. **43.** Bond of Wm. Cormack in 1,000*l.* to the King, to keep all the articles of a commission granted him under the sign manual at Bruges $\frac{\text{27 March}}{\text{2 April}}$ to be captain of the Margaret of Leith. [¾ *page.*]

March 24. / April 3. Hague. Capt. John Griffith to Sec. Nicholas. Thanks for your civility when I was at Cologne; oblige me by presenting to his Majesty this petition from a heart fully devoted to his service, and therefore more sensible of the cloud that has so long hung over me. Pray free me speedily from it, for I account this separation a heavy affliction. With note of order on his petition at the Court at

Bruges $\frac{29\text{ March}}{8\text{ April}}$, that his Majesty being satisfied of the petitioner's loyalty, takes off the former restraint, and gives him leave to come to his Court and presence as formerly. [1½ *pages. Flanders correspondence.*]

$\frac{\text{March 24.}}{\text{April 3.}}$ Nimeguen. Sir Fras. Mackworth to Sec. Nicholas, Bruges. Thanks for yours. You cannot oblige me more than by dealing plainly with me. What I meant by being invited to my duty as well as others is this. When I was first at Bruges, I presented myself to his Majesty to command in the place, Sir Wm. Throgmorton was invited to, not by his Majesty's immediate act, but the persuasion of others who preferred him to me. He is meritorious, but I have spent twice the time in the service, and at greater charge. All I can do is but my duty, yet occasions may require a dutiful person to be invited to performance, but whatever is thought fit by his Majesty will be pleasing to me. I had rather beg my bread than obstruct his proceedings, my great desire being to see him happy. I will not discuss in writing what was said about my former employments.

The King of Sweden is expected at Bremen; Ragotsky with his army is about Cracow, but pretends to mediate between Denmark and Sweden. Our States are sending out their second fleet of 36 gallant ships, but our Admiral goes not with them, but will quit that charge. The States of Holland will not meet next week, but will keep themselves neutral as long as they can. I wrote Mr. Chancellor of business that could easily have been done when the Princess Royal was there, but will be now difficult. I never expected you to answer every letter of mine, only when you have spoken to the King, let me know his feeling. I will be ready to attend his commands on summons. [1¾ *pages. Flanders correspondence.*]

March 26. Thursday. [Sec. Thurloe to Ambassador Lockhart.] On Tuesday we came upon the debate of kingship in Parliament; it lasted all that day, and the next till evening, when we came to a question, and it was carried in the affirmative, to desire his Highness to exercise the name, style, and office of King of England, Scotland and Ireland; there were 124 for it, and 62 against; this night Parliament having agreed all other things, the whole remonstrance is to be engrossed, and we hope to present it next week. Some officers are dissatisfied, yet they will not raise troubles, but submit, though they have scruples. [*Extract. French correspondence.*]

March 26. Whitehall. M. F[irbank to Wm. Swift, Lockhart's secretary]. The part of the remonstrance about the kingship was debated yesterday, and passed 7 p.m. His Highness is to be desired to take the title of a king.

Monday last and 3 days last week were spent about religion. It was voted that the Protestant religion, as in the Old and New Testament, should be professed in these nations, and that articles should be drawn up by his Highness and Parliament, depriving of public maintenance those who differ from this profession; but if they are pious and sober, they may be capable of places of trust. Parliament voted to-day that the lesser catechism of the assembly of divines be used by all ministers. Instead of a remonstrance, the address is to be called the petition and humble advice of Parliament. [¾ *page, copy. French correspondence.*]

March 26./April 5. Amsterdam. W. D[avidson to Sec. Nicholas.] Many thanks for yours of $\frac{20}{30}$ ult. I have drawn on the Chancellor a bill for 166¾*l.* for the 1000 Hollands, and paid it to the L. G. [Lieut.-Gen. Middleton ?] conform his order. It is to be paid in Antwerp, 10 days after sight. Pray see it paid.

P.S. 20 gentlemen have left the Swedes and come from Bremen to see the King. [½ *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

March 26. London. John Kynes to Nich. Westcombe, Bayonne. Last night Parliament finished the great work of the settlement of the nations, and have voted a monarchical government; 120 for it and 60 against it, so that we shall speedily see the Protector crowned King. Eight ships of war are equipping for the coast of Flanders, whither 15,000 men now levied will be sent also, to assist our neighbours the French. [½ *page. French correspondence.*]

March 27. Dunkirk. **44.** Jaques Hoys to Capt. Hen. Hatsell. Ever since the wars I have endeavoured the release of my poor countrymen, prisoners in London, as also the English prisoners at Dunkirk and Ostend, and some poor Scotchmen so far from home, who have nobody to help or assist them. There are now 3 men of Dartmouth, Thos. Ternegod, Hen. Willes, and Jno. Lamsunde, prisoners at Dunkirk, who have desired me to help them, which I am willing to do, and will continue to help all those of the West parts; and if you will give your assistance at the Admiralty Court in London, I will do the same at Dunkirk. I enclose an Act of the Admiralty Court at Dunkirk concerning 3 common men named, who are prisoners at Plymouth, and if you can get them released at their coming over, the 3 Dartmouth men shall be released in exchange, or else upon my parole. I hope we shall have further correspondence together, as to releasing poor prisoners on both sides by exchange. Before the wars I corresponded with divers persons in London, and lately with Wm. Burton of Yarmouth, upon the same subject. [2 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

> **44.** I. *Certificate of Registrar Colbrant, that the* 3 *above-named persons were prisoners at Ostend, and will be liberated in exchange for* 3 *men named. Dunkirk,* 27 *March* 1657. [½ *page.*]

March 28. Ordnance Office. **45.** Ordnance officers to the [Admiralty Commissioners.] We have conferred with the several gunmakers in and about the city, and find they have in hand 2,000 snaphance muskets fixed at 11*s.* 6*d.* each, 250 matchlocks fixed at 10*s.* each, and 380 pair of pistols at 13*s.* a pair; they can furnish another 100 either of matchlocks or snaphances and 30 pair of pistols weekly, but not more, as their forgers and locksmiths have given over for lack of employment. We have also an offer of 4,000 Dutch and English hangers at 4*s.*, and 120 swords with well-guarded hilts at 3*s.*, which may be useful, especially the hangers; 4,000 matchlocks now in the stores may soon be supplied with stocks and otherwise repaired. [1 *page.*]

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March 28. / April 7. Dantzic. Lieut.-Gen. John Middleton to Sec. Nicholas, Bruges. Thanks for your letters, but I am disappointed not to have a positive resolution. If I had been used with plainness since I left Bruges, I should not have been in these difficulties. If the King were not concerned, my sufferings should not sink me, but I know not how to keep from shame and infamy. I can only keep the men I have levied till next Tuesday, and then must disband them, and be thrown into prison for the 1,600 guilders I owe for them to a number of poor people who despair of payment, and will run against me like enraged savages, and no words will satisfy them. I could not get 10 ducats in this place, for I have done all that possibly can be done without prostrating our master's honour; I must now expect the worst, and shall be arrested, though his orders were positive for my release. News from Sweden and Poland. Endorsed by Nicholas. [2¼ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 28. **46.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. Transmission of letters, commodities, &c., and of books to M. Lerpinière; (sections) books wanted back.

This week Parliament has finished the great work. There were 120 for a King and but 60 in the negative, yet our sections believe he will not accept it. I hear we have a crown made with a cross, which we thought would not be endured, and this being finished, it is thought they will not [stay] much longer. We are daily raising men, and it is said that 10,000 men are to join you against Denmark.

There was likely to have been a match between the Earl of Warwick's grandchild and the Protector's daughter, but this new dignity has altered it. It is reported that a match may be found in your parts.

The Dunkirkers have taken a very rich Straits' ship, which [loss] will fall heavy on our merchants. Our Parliament men are feasted at Whitehall for their submission. [1¼ *pages.*]

March 29. / April 8. Saumur. **47.** L. Cappel to Williamson, Paris. You write me that you leave on the 10th, and send me your address. I have been too weak to go out for 7 months, but hope to go to the Temple in a chair tomorrow. If Buxt[orf] is still angry with me, I will not reply to him. His vanity and falsity will be shewn by the mere reading of my writings. I want to know the opinions of men of sense about punctuation and various reading. I have only received from the directors the 3 first volumes of the Bible, and nothing for 7 months, although Walton promises the other 3 before Christmas. If you write thither, ask the cause of the delay. [1 *page, French.*]

March 29. **48.** Order in Council that the Admiralty Commissioners issue warrants to the Ordnance officers, to supply carriages for the ordnance in Hull garrison. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

48. i. *List of the ordnance there, stating the weight and length of each piece.* [2 *pages.*]

March 30. **49.** Petition of Ferdinando Hespel to the Protector, for an order to land 30 pipes of canary wine at any port within the British dominions, on paying the accustomed duty. The Adventure of London, in coming from the Canary Islands last February with the wine, was taken and sold by the Dunkirkers, whereby petitioner, who is a merchant of London, was forced to repurchase it, and put to more than double charges thereby. With reference thereon to the Council of State. [1 *page.*]

March 30. **50.** Petition of the merchants and owners of ships and inhabitants of Dartmouth to the Protector, that the State's ships may be sent out to protect their ships, as well as those of Plymouth, Barnstaple, Topsham, Weymouth, Poole, and Southampton, engaged in the fishery at Newfoundland, they being informed that the Spaniards are getting ready 4 ships of war to surprise and destroy what English ships they may meet with there. [1 *page*, 48 *signatures.*]

March 30. **51.** Thos. Vyner to Edward, Viscount Conway. Private affairs. Send me 6*l.*, to make the 4*l.* I received at Henry's funeral 10*l.* Next week I hope to see you and Mr. Finch, and to have the other 10*l.* arrears, and the whole quarter wherein he died, all which will hardly defend from his present suits. [1 *page.*]

March ? **52.** ——— to Lord Conway. I was very sorry to be absent from London when I received yours of 15 June and 15 July, having gone into the country, and thus lost an opportunity of being useful to M. de Frisend, and especially shown my zeal and obedience to you. It was not fancy but private business that detained me, but if it prevents my serving you, I shall regret having affairs of my own.

I do not see how this State can assist the Swedes, otherwise than with money or by sea. The transport of men-of-war has always disappointed us, even in Ireland; much more will it in Germany. * * * The Protector, though constrained to diminish his revenue * * * but he may be better able to assist now than before, because Parliament, for payment of his debts, which amounted to 400,000*l.*, has given him a tax on houses in the environs of London, which will bring in a large sum.

There would be little difficulty by sea if the Danes were not included in the league with the Hollanders. But if Dunkirk is taken this coming summer, all the strength of our State will be employed in Flanders. There is a powerful succour very near, if any attempt on our young Republic requires it * * * I can only attribute to envy the inconstancy of your neighbour princes who take part against you. Preparations are making in this country for the coronation of the Protector. I am sorry you have suffered by the peace of Germany, but your spirit will conquer greater things. I want to know why you have not married all this time. Thanks for your offer about Hamburg * * * [3 *pages, French, damaged.*]

March ? **53.** Petition of Col. Wm. Borthwick to the Protector. I petitioned you 3 months for a trial, but had no answer. I beg now: **1.** To be heard before any judicator you will appoint, and if I do not clear myself of all things, let me suffer. 2. If this cannot be, I beg some other place for my prison than this common gaol. 3. As I am brought to this hard condition by service to your father, and as I know not how my poor wife, whose affection has brought her here, can live 4 days in this strange place, I beg you will permit us to live together, and I will confine myself, by parole or bail, to any cheap place, where we can be together, with only a small addition to your allowance for me in this dear place.

I beg an answer and some ease to my overwhelmed heart. [1 *page.*]

March ? **54.** G. Stradling to Williamson, Saumur. Business transactions. I send an acquittance from the Dutchman for 50 livres. Pray deliver it to Mr. Æston. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, damaged.*]

March ? B[lois.] **55.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. I am sorry that I have inconvenienced you by my early rising these 2 weeks. We get no horses worth anything, except by means of a silver spur, and I have promised the money due at the end of the month at the beginning, so I shall be obliged if you will let me have it in a fortnight. [1 *page, French.*]

March ? **56.** J. Ogilvy to Williamson, Saumur. The degree to be taken in this town is only in the laws, is granted to stranger or native, Protestant or Papist, and costs 30 crowns, but the graduate must be here in person. February is passed, when you promised to honour us with your presence here. My remembrances to Leigh and Calander. [1 *page.*]

April $\frac{1}{11}$. London. W. W[alker] to W. Swift. Little has been done since Thursday last. Friday was spent about dressing up the petition to his Highness, and appointing a committee to attend him on Saturday, which was done, and he has desired a conference with the whole House, which will be in the painted chamber to-morrow, so that the whole world are in expectation. This conjuncture must soon come to a period, lest it beget unsettlement. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page. Copy, French correspondence.*]

April $\frac{2}{12}$. Whitehall. Sec. Thurloe to Lockhart. Last Tuesday the whole Parliament was with his Highness in the banqueting house, and presented a humble petition concerning the government of these nations, advising him to assume the kingly name and office, as the best means to secure their liberties and his person, and did it in a very affectionate manner. He answered them kindly, yet discovered nothing of his intention whether to accept or refuse, but took time fully to weigh the whole petition they presented, and promised to answer them very shortly. This he has not yet done. Meantime all things are quiet, and the army promises to acquiesce in what his Highness and Parliament agree upon. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

April $\frac{2}{12}$. Westminster. J. Howard to Viscount Falconbridge. I hope my last came to you by the ambassador's packet. The scruple of religion being over, his Highness wrote to him to treat with you about the particulars of your estate. There was a report of your intending to marry Lady Kath. How[ard], but it was not mentioned by his Highness, and on the whole, he seems satisfied. He speaks with much respect of you, and I believe really intends to match with you, if satisfied in your estate; he did not except against the general account I gave him of it. I shall be always glad to serve you; no relation of blood can be a greater tie upon me than my friendship for you.

P.S.—His Highness has taken a few days to consider the answer to our petition. [1 *page, French correspondence.*]

April 2. The Sorlings, St. Martin's. **57.** Capt. Thos. Morris to the Admiralty Commissioners. On 14 March, I instructed Capt. Jeakin to convoy some ships of Yarmouth and Hull for Bordeaux, but on the 15th, when I came into the Road, the fleet which I expected to convoy for England had left 5 days before, whereupon I wrote several times to Capt. Jeakin to hasten away, but perceive he is engaged by some merchants to stay for some other ships, which are making all speed to go with us. I have now 30 passengers on board who were prisoners at St. Sebastians, and who say that 2 new frigates have been built at Passage of 4 or 500 tons and 40 guns each, and they are using all expedition to get to sea. Yesterday there was a general embargo of all Dutch vessels and goods through the land by order of the King, but what the effect will be is not known. I will hasten to England. [1 *page.*]

April $\frac{2}{12}$. Brussels. R. Belling to Sec. Nicholas. Nothing happened extraordinary in the King's journey here, except his reception at Alost; the garrison horse met him a mile out of town, and the foot in arms in the market place, but not by public order. His entry here was *incognito;* the contriving of lodgings has been the chief business since. The King and his brothers have received compliments from Don Juan, the Prince of Condé, and the other grandees here, and a visit last night from Don Alonso. This will be a day of Council and business.

To-day the Dukes of York and Gloucester muster the Scotch regiment, and the Court is thinner by the resort of the officers to their respective quarters. Yesterday a recruit of gentlemen, lately come out of Germany, joined the Scotch regiment. Lord Bristol is still at Ghent. Mr. Bronckard has arrived from the Hague. [3 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{3}{13}$. [Sir Edw. Hyde, Chancellor of the Exchequer], to Sec. Nicholas, Bruges. We came so soon on Monday to Ghent that the King went to the monastery and received a handsome collation. Next morning we went to Alost to dinner, and came to Brussels in good time. Wednesday was spent in compliments between the King and Don Juan and the dukes, and at night Don Alonso [de Cardenas] waited on the King. Yesterday the King and Don Juan met and spent an hour together. The afternoon was spent in visits from the Prince of Condé, and Marquis Caracena, who called on the King and dukes severally in their lodgings. To-day the two dukes met Don Juan in the park. I think we shall despatch satisfactorily what we came about. Don Juan has made ample acknowledgments to the King for St. Sillin (?), and his professions are all we could wish.

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I hear nothing from England but what you write, therefore I wish you had enlarged your intelligence. I do not think Lord Goring is on his way; no letter from Madrid mentions it. I have not spoken with the King since I received yours last night, having taken such a cold that I could not leave my room after sunset, so I can say nothing of the Earl of Lothian, but I suppose the King would give him leave to go where he had a mind, and the good lord will do less harm in Scotland than anywhere else. I am sorry they send wine to this town; it must be chargeable, and is no dainty. You shall be remembered on the payment of the first money.

P.S.—Mr. Boswell, the ambassador's son, came through this town yesterday, to carry word to the States that all their ships were seized in France. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{4}{14}$. Dantzic. Lieut.-Gen. John Middleton to Sec. Nicholas. I trouble you more than civility approves, but necessity is above law. Though you say that his Majesty appointed some to consider my proposals, I have heard nothing for three posts. I have with much ado silenced those who trusted the soldiers, by promising not to stir without the ports of the town, till they were paid. The affection of the soldiers to his Majesty is such, that they are still waiting, though I have neither money nor trust for them, so that I can keep them together till the 10th, but I hope his Majesty's directions.

Mr. Davidson writes me that you wrote him that I had received none of your letters. I think I acknowledged to you the receipt of all 5 from Bruges, Jan. to March. News from Sweden and Poland. [2½ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

April 4. The Assistance, Downs. **58.** Rich. Knowlman, a Quaker, to [an Admiralty Commissioner.] Thou being in a place of authority in this nation, which I own so far forth as thou doest that which is just, thou wilt not be offended that I do not give thee titles of honour, as others do, though in their hearts they are enemies. I have served the Commonwealth both by sea and land, and to the loss of my limbs, since 1641, and am willing to continue to serve in any other capacity than as a gunner; not that I desire a higher place, but I would be free to act against all deceit, in whomsoever it reigns, for I see most men, especially those in the navy, and of the most rank and quality, are corrupted, and will remain so until a seed of God springs up in them. I have heard that thou dost countenance those that have a desire unto righteousness; I write to thee therefore because I desire thee to procure me some other employment, which will be a livelihood for my wife and family, however mean the place. Mayest thou feed on the true bread of life. [¾ *page.*]

April 4. The Assistance, Downs. **59.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I convoyed some ships from Hole Haven bound for Dort, and sent the Drake in to see them out of danger. During her absence, I chased several of the Dunkirk or Ostend frigates, but they managed to escape; since the Drake came out, I have spent most of the time between Ostend and the Wellings, but have not heard or seen any of their ships, or of those that were to join with him, and therefore suppose they have designed the squadron for some other employment.

I met and spoke with Capt. Holland of the Assistance, but he was designed for other service. I have taken one of the fishing boats belonging to Blackenburg, which, with her nets, will be a great help in supplying the squadron with fresh fish, after which, as it is not worth more than 10*l.*, I hope you will bestow it on me. I have come in by contrary winds, and while waiting orders, will take in my spare anchor which has lain here 6 or 7 months, and fill up my water casks. [1 *page.*]

April 4. **60.** Petition of David Yale and Henry Dalley, nearest friends of the distracted widow of Edw. Hopkins, to the Protector. You have shown particular respect and favour to her late husband by employing him in weighty matters, and the widow, who was well known to be eminent in virtue and discretion, is now the pitiful object of a weak melancholy. She only arrived with her husband from beyond sea 4 or 5 months since, and was settled in one of the houses belonging to the Navy Office, where he laid out much money in endeavouring to restore her decayed and lost senses. We beg leave that she may remain in the house, as removal will be hurtful to her. With holograph reference by the Protector to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider the matter, and return their opinion to him. [1 *page.*]

April $\frac{5}{15}$. Madrid. George, Lord Goring, to [Sec. Nicholas.] I wrote you before on behalf of Wm. Blunden, to whom his Majesty promised, at your intercession, the command of a ship of 24 guns. The ship on which he relied was returned out of the Straits before the commission reached him. He has always been entirely zealous to his Majesty, and will prove it on occasion. I defer what I have to say till we meet. Endorsed by Nicholas, "R. July, being the last I had from him, who died in July following." [1½ *pages. Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{6}{16}$. London. W. Walker to [Ambassador Lockhart.] His Highness being indisposed, wrote to Parliament. A committee attended him, and the enclosed is his answer to the petition. The committee reported on Saturday; the House on debate, decided by 77 against 65, to adhere to their petition, and it was adjourned till to-day, when a committee was ordered to draw up reasons to induce his Highness to accept the petition in all its 12 heads, and to it was added a vote of the House, in effect, all or none.

Lord Lambert answered me about Lady Hamilton's business. He partly understands it, and will do what he can for her and for you, though he says it will require little protection. [1 *page, copy. French correspondence.*]

April $\frac{6}{16}$. [Sec. Thurloe to Ambassador Lockhart.] Last Friday his Highness desired Parliament to send a committee to speak with him about the petition; and on their coming, he said he had considered their advice, and they had done well to provide for the two great interests dear to God, *viz.*, our liberties as men, and as Christians, which, he said, were the two great ends he had engaged for, and he would live and die in defence thereof. But as for the title, though he was grateful for the honour done him, he did not see it his duty, either to God or to them, to accept it, and this answer his conscience obliged him to. The answer caused great consternation in Parliament, who hoped to come to a settlement by this means. However next morning, Parliament voted that they would adhere to the advice they had given his Highness, and have ordered that to-day, the whole House go to him, and desire him to reflect on the obligation laid on him to listen to the advice of the Parliament of the 3 nations, in things which they judge to be for the good of the whole, and to give his consent. [*Extract. French correspondence.*]

April $\frac{6}{16}$. Brussels. Sir Edw. Hyde to Sec. Nicholas. I entered on our correspondence as soon as possible, and you shall not fail to hear from me on the 3 usual days; at least I will do my part, though I can tell you little news, for I stir not out of doors more than I did at Bruges. We have not heard of Hannibal Sestad since he left Bruges. If he had made any contract in Spain relating to the service of this country, he would have been here before this.

I cannot slight what you propose about the ports; I have always been of your mind that a declaration should first be published, and am pressing it all I can, yet no declaration will do good if the governors continue sour and uncivil. Had what was first declared and printed been seconded by their good carriage, it would have served the turn. I am pressing for and am promised speedily an extraordinary letter to those governors.

Pray ask my tutor to look over his papers for a copy of the letter written to the Duke of Florence about Sir Theop. Selby, and send me a draft prepared for the King's hand, the former having miscarried.

I am heartily sorry for the strait you are in. If you have been worse used than any servant his Majesty has, I wish he who has been faulty towards you, or not endeavoured to serve you with the same affection as he could have done to his father, may never find a friend. I hope one day you will believe it. [1 *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{7}{17}$. Brussels. Sir Hen. de Vic to Sec. Nicholas. I have little to write about, as Mr. Chancellor [Hyde] will tell you the inward and essential part of affairs, of which I am wholly ignorant. On Saturday, according to a resolution in Council, his Majesty met Don Juan in the usual place and manner. The Dukes of York and Gloucester have now done the same; he treated them as belonged their quality; he alleged their *incognito* as the impediment for not first visiting them in their own lodgings.

They are preparing here for the field, 800 of the levies they expect from Germany being already come to Ruremond. They will not be long in garrison, that they may not be surprised by Cromwell in his design on Dunkirk. I believe, till his Majesty's troops have better uses, they will make use of part of the troops to secure that and other maritime places. They will hardly have better quarters than their present very ill ones, till those of the King of Spain are drawn out and make room for them.

Our master is as much esteemed and loved as we could desire by all who have seen him here, and that is the greatest and best sort, for all the nobility flock to him.

P.S.—He was at a ball on Saturday, where Don Juan was, and behaved to admiration; the two Dukes were there also, and danced. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

[April 7.] **61.** Petition of Sarah, widow of John Vincent, minister of Sedgefield, to the Protector, for speedy benefit from his former order [*see* 3 *Dec.* 1656] for payment of 247*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* by Ant. Lapthorne, being much in debt, and she, and 7 most hopeful children, in danger of ruin. After 4 months' delay, Mr. Lapthorne's accounts are returned. With reference, signed by the Protector, to Council, to pay her from the first profits of the rectory. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

61. I. *Statement that though, by order of the House of Commons of* 27 *July* 1643, *no minister should be appointed to any important living without approval of the assembly of divines, Lapthorne obtained his appointment without it; that he has behaved covetously and injuriously, and out of spite let the living worth* 500*l. for* 300*l. a year, and he should bear the loss, and not ruin Vincent's family,* 3 *of the sons being Oxford scholars, and* 2 *to go to Westminster School, and their mother much in debt for them.* [1 *page.*]

61. II. *Certificate by Rich. Lilburne, and* 4 *other Commissioners of Durham of the accounts of Ant. Lapthorne, showing his whole* 10 *years' receipts as* 2,129*l.* 4*s.* 1*d., leaving only* 29*l.* 4*s.* 1*d. balance beyond his* 200*l. a year; besides which, he questions several sums, and demands* 255*l.* 15*s.* 4¾*d. disbursements, &c. Durham,* 7 *March* 1657. [2 *sheets.*]

61. III. *Certificate by Wm. Sedgewick and Ant. Smith,* 2 *other Commissioners, on the accounts of Ant. Lapthorne, Thos. Middleton, and Thos. Buttery, about Sedgefield rectory,* 1646–49, *noting some demands which are not to be allowed.* 23 *May* 1650. [*Copy,* 1 *sheet, see* 14 *July* 1657.]

April 7. **62.** Reference of the above petition and certificates to Lambert, Jones, Fiennes, Sydenham, Mulgrave, and Lisle, to consider the accounts, hear Mrs. Vincent, and report. [¾ *page; also I.* 77, *p.* 779.]

April 7. **63.** Petition of Cols. John Fiennes and Edm. Temple to the Protector. You ordered the stating of our accounts for service in England by Auditor Broad, who certifies 944*l.* 15*s.* 1¾*d.* due to Fiennes, and 1,089*l.* 1*s.* 6¾*d.* to Temple. We demanded 1,145*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.* more, which he deducts for mounting money and free quarter, though some of the arrears were due before free quarter was in use, and afterwards we were so far from taking advantage of it that we were at more charge than when our soldiers were duly paid. The arrears have been due 10 or 14 years, and others have received them without these deductions. We beg in payment some forfeited lands near, at the rates allowed to others. [1 *page.*]

April 7. Reference thereon to the Committee for Ireland, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 781.]

April 7. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Francis, Lord Willoughby, referred to Fiennes, Mulgrave, Lambert, Lord Deputy, Sydenham, and Jones, who are to send Barkstead to see what security the petitioner will give to the purport of what was this day proposed, and report.

2. Richard Dutton, prisoner in the Tower, to be discharged, on good security to Sir J. Barkstead for his peaceable behaviour in future.

3. The desire of Sir. Hum. Bennett, touching his enlargement, referred to the Committee on Lord Willoughby's petition, to report.

4. Order on report on Lieut.-Col. Edm. Ashton's petition [*see* 24 *Feb.* 1656–7] that Mr. Frost pay him 1*s.* a day for subsistence for 6 months. *Annexing,*

64. *Report by Jessop alluded to, that he is detained only on the Council's warrant, has not paid for his lodging, and though friends visit him, he is fain mostly to get his diet from other prisoners, and should have* 1*s. a day maintenance if continued in prison.* [1 *page.*]

6. The petition of the owners of the Levant Merchant referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to hear the parties concerned, and report.

7. Approval of the following augmentations advised by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, *viz.,*—

			£
Minister of Kirkby Fletham	- -	co. York -	16
Lecturer of Richmond	- -	„ „ -	30
added to 30*l.* already allowed.			
Minister of Yeovil	- - - -	„ Somerset	40
„ Wokingham	- - -	„ Berks -	30
„ Bishops Wilton	- -	„ York -	50

Approved by the Protector, 13 April.

8. To advise the said Trustees to allow to Mr. Eaton minister of Stopford, co. Chester, such further augmentation as shall raise his salary to 100*l.* Approved 13 April.

65. 9. The Admiralty Commissioners to certify of what burden the frigate called L'Acadie is, and her value, with guns and furniture.

66. 10, 11. To advise the Admiralty Commissioners to appoint fit ships to go to Dieppe about April 10, to transport hither Viscountess Montague with her retinue. Also to appoint a transport for Sir Ed. Mansell and suite.

12. The petition of Col. John Bridges, governor of Kilmallock, and a debenture for arrears for personal service, on an account stated by the Committee sitting at Worcester House, referred to the Irish Committee, to report.

14. Walter Strickland to have liberty to stay in England 3 weeks from now, on renewing his former security to Maj.-Gen. Lilburne, who is to deliver up the old one to be cancelled.

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15. On report from the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland on the petition of Mary, widow of Col. John Humphreys—noting that on account of her poverty and charge of children, and the faithful service of her husband, they are fit objects of compassion, especially as he is 700*l.* in arrear of a pension of 400*l.* a year from the late Court of Wards, which was settled on him by Parliament for life, and which Col. Humphreys the son alleges to be assigned to the petitioner—order to advise a warrant to pay her 40*s.* a week till the said 700 is repaid.

16. On petition of John Patron, and on certificate by Col. J. Bingham, governor, and Peter de Beauvoir, bailiff, of Guernsey,—to the effect that by order of Council of State of 25 Oct. 1653, in a cause between Nicholas Anley, merchant of Guernsey, in right of Margaret, his wife, appellant from a sentence dated 2 Dec. 1653, given in behalf of Ann le Fevre, of Guernsey, widow of John Patron, and mother of John Patron, schoolmaster, the defendant, they considering the right of both sides, are of opinion that Anley should allow Patron to enjoy all rents that belonged to Ann le Fevre, and that each side should bear its own costs;—order that the certificate be agreed to and confirmed. Approved 5 May.

18, 19. To advise the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle augmentations of between 10*l.* and 20*l.* on Gabriel du Perrière, minister of the French congregation at Southampton, and of 20*l.* on M. d'Espaigne, minister of the French congregation at Somerset House. Approved 13 April.

20. Order on a letter from John Maidstone, steward of the household, shewing what straits he is in for want of money—that to complete the 16,000*l.* due for the April quarter, the Treasury Commissioners pay him 4,000*l.* out of the first money coming in on Vyner and Backwell's contract for Spanish prize plate, &c.

21. The petition of Michael Molins, concerning timber to repair Wallingford Castle, referred to Lambert, Mulgrave, Lisle, Fiennes, and Sydenham, to report.

22. On report from the Committee on the petition of the inhabitants of Dunbar, shewing how the demolishing of their harbour has injured the town and the country from Berwick to Leith, and that since the storm of December 1655, there has been no shelter for the herring fishery there, which yields employment to most of the inhabitants round about; and though they are thankful for the ease granted in their assessment, which encouraged them to try to repair the harbour, they have not succeeded, by reason of the greatness of the work and their indigence, and therefore pray further help;—order that the Council in Scotland devise some means to afford additional assistance; and enable the petitioners to do the repairs. Approved 5 May.

67. 24. The Admiralty Commissioners to order 5 ships named to be speedily furnished, victualled, and manned, to guard the Channel. Approved 13 April.

68. 25. Also to order the building at once of 6 small vessels drawing 5 feet of water for the State's service. Approved 13 April.

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26. The petition of Frances Darcy, widow, referred to the Irish Committee, to report.

27. To advise renewal of the warrant for payment of 3*s.* a day to each of the 2 horse and one foot regiments keeping guard at Whitehall, St. James', and the Mews, for fire and candle, up to 1 May.

28. The warrant ordered 10 Feb. last for 13*s.* 4*d.* a week to Eliz. Corbet for subsistence to pass gratis.

29. The petition of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields parish referred to the Lord Deputy, Mulgrave, and Strickland to report.

31. The Committee for accounts of the soldiery sitting at Worcester House to state the accounts of the following for their services in England as they profess to have served in Ireland, and also to have arrears due in England, *viz.*:—

Capt. Sam. Moody, deceased (on petition of Geo. Moody, his executor),
Major Robert Astley, deceased,
Capt. Wm. Ridcourt, „
„ John Picken, „
„ Wm. Hart,
„ Rich. Morris,
Lieut. Jos. Franklin,

who are all six mentioned in a petition for themselves or the relations of such as are deceased; also the accounts of Geo. Eyres, and Mich. Horton, troopers, and of Dame Margaret Colville, relict of Lieut.-Col. James, Lord Colville, deceased, and Elizabeth, relict of Capt. Adam Oateley, deceased, and Lieut.-Col. Patrick Bruce, whose names are added to the said petition. They are to proceed therein according to directions of an Ordinance of Parliament of 24 Dec. 1647, and certify arrears due for English service, with dates and names of commanders; and the Commissioners for soldiers' accounts in Ireland are to give to the men debentures of the form ordered by Council on 3 July 1656, which shall be satisfied out of lands, houses, &c., in Ireland. Approved 5 May.

32. On report from the Treasury Commissioners on the petition of Viscount Fitz-Williams, of Merion, in Ireland, about a debt of 1,000*l.* borrowed of Sir Simon Every, deceased, by Mary Plunkett, widow and administratrix of her late husband, Sylvester Plunkett, and mother-in-law to the Viscount, for securing whereof, by payment of 160*l.* per annum for 11 years from Nov. 1634, the Viscount charged some lands, and entered into recognizances in Chancery of 2,000*l.* for performance of covenants, of which rent, Mary Plunkett failing payment, Lady Anne and Sir Henry Every, Sir Simon's executors, obtained a judgment against the said Viscount on the said recognizances, and took out execution, so that in discharge of the arrears of rent, the Viscount paid 650*l.* besides charges, without receiving satisfaction, being but surety for his mother-in-law, who wholly disposed of the 1,000*l.*, and against whom, in Trinity Term 1654, the Viscount brought an action of debt and obtained a judgment; also that Mrs.

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Plunkett was sequestrated in co. Chester for recusancy in April 1646, and $\frac{2}{3}$ of her estate in Malpas let to lease for one year, ending at Candlemas 1654, for 60*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, though now the $\frac{2}{3}$ are said to be in lease for 50*l.* ; and that the Sequestration Commissioners on hearing his Highness' pleasure from the Master of the Horse, ordered in July 1655 that Viscount Fitz-Williams should enjoy the profits of the estate, on security to answer the same to the State;—order to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the Viscount all the sums arising from the $\frac{2}{3}$ of Mary Plunkett's sequestrated estate. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 779–789.]

April 7. Hamburg. **69.** Rich. Bradshaw to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send a letter from Capt. Haddock, who is staying to convoy 15 merchantmen richly laden, and as it will be a service to the State, I hope his stay will be excused. I requested that a commission might be sent over to examine witnesses to clear me of the foul aspersion of Fras. Townley, merchant, of being false to my trust. I want to examine on oath those employed for buying powder and masts for the navy, but I have not received any answer. It is no small disparagement to me for merchants and strangers at Hamburg to observe that only Townley and his servant Cambridge are honoured with your commands, they having so notoriously misbehaved themselves towards his Highness, through me as his public minister, that they have been commanded hence by his Highness and Council to answer for their misdemeanours, which I suppose they will be called upon to do when greater affairs are over, as at present there is no leisure for such petty business. [1 *page.*]

April $\frac{7}{17}$. Paris. **70.** C. George to Williamson. I suppose you know that Mr. Whorwood has taken another house, having horses of his own. I have given him 60*l.*, which he says you will return to me. [1 *page, French.*]

April $\frac{7}{17}$. **71.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. Write to my father for a letter of change as usual, for I shall want it, but manage for it not to be so long on the road. Mr. Hudson went some days ago, and left his compliments for you. [1 *page, French.*]

April $\frac{8}{18}$. Brussels. [Sir Edw. Hyde] to Sec. Nicholas. I am sure you would write, yet we have no letters from Bruges. It is the resident's fault, as he can keep but one man, who is sent on everybody's errand, so that what is of much importance is often left undone. I have waited till 9, and the post leaves at 10. I wonder I have not heard from [Perry] Church as I gave him notice we should be here.

Our business proceeds slowly. We cannot get any answer to a paper we gave the first day we came, and till we know what they will say to that, we are in the dark for other propositions. The King spends his time not unpleasantly nor uselessly, having entered into another kind of conversation with Don Juan than is natural to an *incognito* condition. The other night they met at a ball and danced. Yesterday they played at long paume, a Spanish play with balls filled with wire, and to-morrow they have a match at tennis.

They are very kind to each other. I now see why Don Juan had wanted us to defer our visit to this week, because they hoped that by this time money would be come, and yesterday the French letters brought bills from Madrid, to what value I know not, but they look cheerfully upon it, and say we shall speedily have a libranza for money. We have our eyes fixed on Holland, to see how they will behave towards France. The English letters are not yet come. Carteret luckily came in time to prevent the duel between Sir Ce. Howard and Geo. Hollis. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{9}{19}$. Hague.

Capt. John Griffith to Sec. Nicholas, Bruges. I humbly thank you for expediting the return of my petition, with his Majesty's gracious declaration for my release from restraint. I will come with the first convenience to kiss his Majesty's hands. [1 *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{9}{19}$. Brussels.

Lord Newburgh to Sec. Nicholas. I requested Sir John Mennes to write excusing my not answering yours, having just returned from mustering all our companies, so our officers will now be received into pay. Mr. Chancellor showed me the Lieut.-General's letters to you, and he wrote to me to the same purpose. I am greatly troubled, not only for his distress, but for the little hope there is of relieving him from the engagements he has taken on him. Nothing is yet done about settling the regiments, but his Majesty tells me he will not stir till we are all well provided for. [1 *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{9}{19}$. Brussels.

Sir Hen. de Vic to [Sec. Nicholas.] We hear that the Emperor is dead, which is very unseasonable for the troops that were expected from Germany.

To-day the Colonels here are all to meet, to resolve on a memorial of what remains unperformed of the capitulation for their lodging and subsistence, wherein are such great defects as that, without speedy remedy, we shall see that little body of ours become much less, to the irreparable prejudice of his Majesty's affairs. I am to go this morning to Don Juan for money to supply part of the King's wants, of which I have more hopes as bills have come from Spain for 250,000 crowns, beside 50,000 for the Prince of Condé. But we may yet have difficulties; therefore the time of the King's return to you is uncertain, for he must not leave with only good words and promises, and performance is very uncertain as to time.

Meantime I think neither he nor his brothers are displeased to be here, and all the nobility is glad of it. They were yesterday publicly at the Comedy, and sat in the Prince of Condé's box. This afternoon they go to the English nunnery.

The Low Countries have forbidden all intercourse with France. Had they seized ships and goods, we should have hoped a more vigorous resentment than such soft proceedings on so great provocation betoken.

P.S.—A little box has been sent me for you, shall I forward it? [3 *pages. Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{9}{19}$. Whitehall. W. W[alker to Ambassador Lockhart.] On Tuesday the House adjourned till Wednesday; next day all the members in town were ordered to attend, and a committee waited on his Highness to ask when the House might offer somewhat to him. He met Parliament in the banqueting house on Wednesday. The heads you will see in a pamphlet enclosed. Another committee is to confer with him to-morrow. This evening at 7, notice came to Whitehall of fifth monarchy men assembled in Bishopsgate Street. A party of horse seized them as they were getting on horseback to go to some place appointed in the country; 25 are just now brought in, and some under examination. Doubtless it is deeper than can be seen into at first. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, copy. French correspondence.*]

April $\frac{9}{19}$. Whitehall. [Sec. Thurloe to Ambassador Lockhart.] Parliament not being satisfied with his Highness' refusal of being King, reinforced their advice on Tuesday by the Speaker, the whole House attending. He answered that he had declared his mind. He also hesitated about other things in the petition, but was willing to give his reasons, and hear theirs; so the House have appointed a committee to confer with him on the whole matter. We pray that God will incline him to listen to Parliament's advice.

Meantime he has had a new testimony of God's favour to him. The fifth monarchy men designed an insurrection, and were so ready that they had appointed their rendezvous this night at Mile End Green, but we had notice of it, and seized some 20 of their ringleaders, as they were ready to take horse, took many arms and some ammunition, and their chief standard, a lion couchant, with the motto, "Who shall rouse him up?" There was a declaration in which they set forth a new government. We are sending up and down to apprehend others engaged in this design, and hope to break it. [*Extract. French correspondence.*]

April $\frac{9}{19}$. Amsterdam. R. Lovell to [Sec. Nicholas]. I wish your pious discourse of proceedings in England well laid to heart by those whom it concerns to have an end put to that usurpation and tyranny, and I should hope to see the power of that villain [Cromwell] quickly broken; if he were once deprived of the strength he has, more from the displeasure of God against our actions than any delight He can take in his. But while our sins are increased rather than repented of, how can we expect any ease to our sufferings?

There is only one piece of news from England this week, *viz.*, that of the 12 articles debated and agreed on for the settlement of the kingdom, that for an oath abjuring the Royal Family is now rejected, not for its wickedness, but for the distress into which it would bring a great multitude. Cromwell has refused to take the title of King, but they must be very ignorant of the man who believe him ingenuous in it, or that he does not most strongly design what he would seem to avoid.

The news of the Emperor's death is believed here. I pray it may not produce a worse change in the affairs of Christendom. The difference between the States and the French grows high, for not only all French ships, but bills of exchange and estates are arrested, which is more than was ever done in the heat of war. The Princess Royal is gone privately to Tyling, where Lady Stanhope was before, but returns to-morrow. I delivered your letter to Lieut. Watts. Endorsed as received the 21st. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{10}{20}$. Brussels. [Sir Edw. Hyde] to Sec. Nicholas. I know not what more to say to the Lieut.-General; be sure we are not slow here in pressing for money to assist that levy, and on my conscience they would help us if they could, but they must first provide for their own companies, so that Middleton had best pursue the advice last given him, and as the state stands, I hope he may make no ill conditions. For Mr. Roper there is an unhappy change in that whole affair, by the death on the 2nd of the Emperor, which so perplexes these ministers that we cannot speak with them. It is unfortunate to Christendom, and will be agreeable to none but the Cardinal and Cromwell. Sir Hen. de Vic could get your letters for Vienna put in the Spanish ambassador's packet. The Germans will now have too much to do themselves to relieve their neighbours.

Mr. Bruncard has been and has gone back, and though he was said to be sent to the King, his Majesty knows no more of his business than you do. "I believe the good [man] your friend, who gave him the advertisement never had any authority so to do. I hear he is at the Hague very well received, and a member of P. R's (?) persecuted crew."

I have your 4 of the 18th, and I wonder Church did not send his direct here. I wish you had sent a letter of revocation, for Lord Bristol knows not the exact form; it cannot be done by to-morrow's post, and when done, must be sent to you to seal, for your brother secretary has no signet, of which we find the miss. Send a draft letter, and if we prepare another meantime, you shall have a copy of it.

I would tell you when we should be at Bruges if I knew it. I wish myself there, in this melancholy time by the death of the Emperor; I hope we may get off next week. Everybody is pleased with this place, but I have only been twice out of doors since I came. I have a good garden to walk in. We have only had one person from England, an honest man, sent by honest men, but on a very sleeveless errand. I hope for some good turn there, and then all that you can wish will be done from hence. In Holland they are very angry. A little time will tell us what to trust to. My heart is set upon money. If there be 2 dollars in the house, there are 100,000. My service to my good Judy. [2 *pages. Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{10}{20}$. Hague. John, Lord Culpeper to [Sec. Nicholas.] * * * * There are several reasons given here why Cromwell demurs to accept the crown. Some think it is to be only *pro formâ;* others believe that it is real, and that he intends to build on this foundation, and to do the business better to his advantage, with more power and hereditarily, by the triennial Parliament which is to be in September. The third is that he, finding too great oppositions in Lambert and the other officers, will secretly promise them that, if they will not disturb the bringing the offer to him, he will content himself with the honour, and refuse it. [*Extract. Flanders correspondence,* 10 *April* 1657.]

April 10. The Reserve, Mardike Pitts. **72.** Capt. Robt. Plumleigh to the Admiralty Commissioners. I doubt not but the commander of the Downs' squadron gave an account of our departure for his station off Dunkirk, on 22 March, as also of our having passed the Earl of Dorset from Dover to Calais. In company with the Dartmouth and Red Horse pink, I chased two Ostend men-of-war into Feckham Bay, and then returned to Calais, and anchored in Mardike Pitts, to wait for the remainder of the squadron; the easterly wind has prevented us from recovering the Flemish Road. Since being on the coast, I forced two of the enemies' men-of-war on shore, and sent my boats to set one on fire, but the men of both escaped; the Adventure chased another until dark. I send the names of the ships forming my squadron, and particulars of their stations; I will not quit the coast while the spring [tide] will admit any of the enemies' ships to come forth. We have had strong easterly winds, and all have a longing desire to be in the Flemish Road. I want 10 or 15 men to be added to Capt. Nixon's company, and 2 saker guns; he being well acquainted with the coast, and an active person, will be very useful. [1 *page.*]

April 10. The Essex, Downs. **73.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Merlin has come in to clean and revictual; I have ordered her to Dover, and the Mermaid to remain on that side until she is fitted. If the Assurance is commanded upon the coast, all the squadron will be there together. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

April 10. The Essex, Downs. **74.** Capt Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. Notwithstanding the easterly and northerly winds, I believe Capt. Sparling and his squadron have got to their station, save the Drake, which, having broken her bowsprit in Dover Road, remained behind. The John ketch, contracted for by Mr. White of Dover, has arrived; as she had only 4 men and a master, and no powder, I have supplied her with 2 more men and necessaries out of the Essex, and will direct Capts. Plumleigh and Sparling to put 2 more men each on board, and in case of any sudden service, what other men and necessaries they may deem fit. The Mermaid has been cruising in the Narrow. I have ordered her to accompany the John ketch to Capt. Plumleigh, and to inform him that there are 2 ships fitting at Dunkirk for the King of Spain, and one at Ostend, intending for the northwards, and to fall upon the fishermen, so as to regain men to redeem their own imprisoned in England; if they are soon expected out, he is to keep the Mermaid 4 or 5 days for his assistance, but if not she is to return and cruise in the Narrow. [1 *page.*]

April 10. The Essex, Downs. **75.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to Robt. Blackborne. I will transport Simon Bennet to Calais, on the arrival of the Oxford, as there is no other ship now in the Downs but the Essex, the ketch having gone to Dover for a bowsprit. I hope the soon going over of the frigates to the other side may prove beneficial to the nation and to trade, annoying the enemy, and securing Charles Stuart and his party on the other side. As the fishermen will be ready to go to sea on the 23rd inst., they would be glad to be assured of a convoy at their first coming out, otherwise it will be a great hindrance to them. I engaged myself to the poor men, or some of them would have come to Whitehall and petitioned their honours. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

April 10. Queen's College. **76.** T. Lamplugh to Williamson. We have had an election. Tim. Halton is chosen fellow and Hen. Denton tabitor. The Provost thinks you should not take your degree beyond seas, but procure a certificate from the professor in Saumur, and he will try to get you created here. Private news. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

April $\frac{11}{21}$. Paris. **77.** Geo. Smyth to Williamson. I have received 4 livres for you from Chas. Parrot, who is gone for England. How am I to pay it? I am in Rue des Cordeliers, near the Sorbonne. [1 *page.*]

April. 11. **78.** Petition of John Manning, William and Rob. Paine, John Wood, and Rich Vine, to the Protector. The Commissioners ordered to survey Ashdown Forest, Sussex, summoned all who had a pretended interest therein to appear by a certain day, before which we prepared our claims, but they were lost in the sending, and now, when we wish to prove them, they cannot be admitted, because the time is elapsed; we beg appointment of a short day for receiving them. Noted to be delivered to Lord Strickland. [1 *page.*]

April $\frac{11}{21}$. Paris. [Amb. Lockhart] to Lord Rich. Cromwell. The late news meets various constructions, according to the different apprehensions of his Highness' motive. I wait the issue of the new application. If he accept, his services have abundantly deserved the crown; if he continue his refusal, his contempt of a crown will render him more honourable than any that wear it, so that, whatever counsels he adopts, you, as his nearest relation, may expect comfort in their consequences. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

April $\frac{11}{21}$. Brussels. Sir Hen. de Vic to [Sec. Nicholas.] I cannot do more now than thank you for yours, as to-morrow morning I receive the communion, and it is high time, not having had it this 15 or 16 months. I hope, whatever else we suffer here, we shall not be so long without it.

Sir Rob. Welsh pretending to have something important to disclose to the King, the King of Spain, and the Prince of Condé, his Majesty sent me to fix a time when he could be heard in presence of persons to be appointed by all 3, but Don Alonso, wishing to have him apart, heard him yesterday. The King has appointed Lord Bristol to do the same for him.

I have so often urged the King and the Colonels to meet and agree on a memorial to be drawn of their common wants and demands, that I think it will be done at last. I have often been with Don Juan and Caracena about a supply for his Majesty, and payment of the Duke of York's arrears, but get only promises, so that I cannot tell when we shall return; we shall be here a week longer at least. We are all putting on black for the Emperor. Send no letters here, except for my Lord Lieutenant and Mr. Chancellor [Hyde], because of the charges and trouble. If you send others, direct them to themselves, at the house of the King of England's resident. [$2\frac{2}{3}$ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

April 11. The Kentish, Plymouth Sound. **79.** Capt. Willoughby Hannam to the Admiralty Commissioners. I left Capt. Stoakes on 19 March, he ordering me to sail to Plymouth, with the Bonadventure of Bristol, taken by the enemy, and retaken by us, together with 17 prisoners, whom I shall deliver up at the prison at Plymouth; there were also 6 Englishmen, who belonged to the ship. I met 2 ships of Dartmouth, laden with salt and oil, off Cape Finisterre, and they came in with me. I had great storms, with easterly winds, and have been in the Soundings of the Channel 14 days, but only met with a Bristol ship from Virginia, laden with tobacco, bound for Holland. I cannot hear that any West India ships have arrived in the Groyne, or parts adjacent. If you have any orders, I hope you will send them at once, as Capt. Stoakes commanded me to hasten back as soon as I had delivered up the prize to the Commissioners for Prizes. [1 *page.*]

April 13. The Essex, Downs. **80.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received his Highness' order for sending over two gentlemen from Dover to Dieppe, and have appointed for it the Oxford, which has just come in from cruising with the Cornelian in the Narrow. While there, they spoke a ship of Holland and another of Denmark, who were sent there to warn their ships, the former not to put into France, lest they should be stayed, and the latter not to put into the Sound, for fear of the Swede; both desired they might ply without molestation. The Pembroke has come in with several convoys from Seine Head; I have ordered her for Woolwich, and the Cornelian to see her convoy to the Yarmouth Roads; the Assurance having come in for water and ballast, I have ordered her to Deal. I send account of ships in the Downs and on the coast of Flanders. [1 *page.*]

April 13. Leghorn. **81.** Chas. Longland to Robt. Blackborne. I have despatched 2 ships, one with beverage wine direct to the fleet, and the other to Naples, whence these wines came, to buy and lade some. The intercourse of trade is limited by the sickness there, so I have to freight ships there in Italian names, whereby the Admiralty Commissioners will be as really served as heretofore, although not so punctually. I have fitted another ship for Naples, to comply with Mr. Goodwin's contract; the other two were for Vice-Admiral Badiley's. Though the ships are Italian, they have 2 or 3 Englishmen in each, with English colours, to save them from the Turks of Algiers. These wines have been so scarce that they will be rather a loss at 24 dollars, and there will be loss by the exchange, as the Commissioners have agreed at 4*s.* 9*d.* the dollar, and the exchange is now 4*s.* 10*d.* or 4*s.* 11*d.* The Commissioners should not leave any purchased wine on our hands if the fleet is recalled, or they would ruin their servants; if they continue to be served with it, I hope to have the commission, as I can get what quantity they please at 23 dollars per butt, if they will pay as the exchange goes; but if I lose 2*d.* per dollar it will import $\frac{1}{24}$.

I am sorry the State is jealous of the Hollander, but it is not without cause, as they publicly brag at Leghorn that they have joined with Spain, and are now sending out 30 sail to lie off the South Cape, to catch Portuguese; but whether they speak the truth or not may be seen. Ruyter has taken 2 French ships of war, and the French some Dutch merchantmen in these seas.

It is reported from Vienna that the Emperor died on the 2nd inst., without making any settlement of his posterity in those dignities, which cannot but make great broils in Germany, as most of those princes were weary of the house of Austria, and think their own heads as fit for the imperial crown as any other; and besides the Spanish affairs are utterly ruined, as all their expectations of support and succour were from thence.

Two Majorca and 2 Dunkirk ships of war were about Porto Longone, to rob our and the French nation, and when between Pantalaria and Cape Bona they met 2 English ships, supposed to be the Ann Percy and an Eastland merchant, with whom they fought 6 hours, and all being well banged, were forced to retire. If Gen. Blake's fleet wants cordage, I can furnish 200 tons and upwards in 4 months, at reasonable rates. Hemp is dear and scarce, on account of the wars between Poland and Russia. [1¼ *pages.*]

April $\frac{13}{23}$. Brussels.

T. Ross to [Sec. Nicholas]. I send you my cypher with Mr. Magden, which has hardly any additions. Thanks for your news from France; I pray that it may have the issue we desire. Lord Gerard says he is to raise his horse-guards at once. The King's allowance of 400 guilders a day for his family is said to be settled, and that of the dukes will follow. To-morrow they go to visit the Princess of Condé at Mechlin.

Col. Jamot has arrested 2 spies here, Bernard, merchant of Rotterdam, and Radport, his brother-in-law; Bernard is rich, but a very rogue. Sir John Mosley is in town to witness that he said, "The most just and heroic action in the world was that of the rebels cutting off the King's head," yet Sir Simon Tosse presumed to write to the King in his behalf, and was at Court to-night, talking with Grigg, who is too clear a soul to entertain any argument for such villains. The dispute between Sir Cecil Howard and Col. Hollis was settled, through the King's command, by my lord of Ormond, and Rochester.

P.S.—In my cypher, tenants meant soldiers; Martha was for Mr. Magden, and Elizabeth and Beck for Mr. Hall. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{13}{23}$. Brussels.

[Sir Edw. Hyde] to Sec. Nicholas. No business would prevent my writing to you, which I do every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. If my letters come not, it is through negligence of the post. But through my son Harry's fault, I left your cypher behind, which I never did before, and so I do not know the contents of your last, which seems to be important. I hope the cypher is on its way, and then I will answer you.

Our eyes are fixed on Holland, where they carry it with more courage than ordinary, and if the French do not retract, as I doubt they will, we may see some sport, and we should then come in quickly for a share. They say the Spanish Ambassador at the Hague will be here to-morrow for a momentous consultation. I dare say all will be said on our behalf that can be wished, for you may lay your life upon it this people is most hearty, and wish the same things that you do. They are drawing out their forces to the frontiers on the noise of the motions of the French, and the succours which are to come from England; but I do not think the Cardinal is so forward, and this alteration in Germany will put new thoughts into their heads, and Cromwell may have more to do with his men than to spare them for France We shall shortly see a bustle, and in so great alterations as must happen, our lot must fall somewhat better than it is at present. Noted, received the 24th. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{13}{23}$. Bordeaux. **82.** W. Paget to Williamson. I am troubled because I could not enquire at Angers about the business you desired me, as I promised when we left Saumur, but the boat went straight for Nantes, without stopping at Angers. We shall stay some time at Bordeaux. Commend me to my friends at Saumur. [1 *page, damaged.*]

April $\frac{13}{23}$. Bordeaux. **83.** Nich. M[addock] to Williamson, Saumur. I send you the money I owe you for some ink and paper. After a troublesome journey by land and water, we are safely arrived here, except our old soldier Lewis the 15th, whom from Nantes we despatched for King Oliver's dominions. We are settled in a good pension of 15 crowns a month, and if you come, we will give you a welcome reception; but if your occasions are so cruel as to detain you from us, then write to us. I want tidings of Mr. Whorwood; if he send us any money, forward it quickly; our great incommodity is want of money. Mr. Harcourt's love and mine to yourself, Mr. Leigh, and Mr. Calander. [1 *page.*]

April 13. Approval by the Protector of 15 orders in Council, 17 March and 7 April. [*I.* 77, *p.* 789.]

April 14. **84.** Petition of Sam. Lemott and Company, merchants of London, owners of the Samuel of London, to the Protector and Council, for a protection from impress for their 34 seamen, the ship having been a fortnight ready to sail [for Guinea], but cannot proceed because of the impress. The voyage is sickly and hazardous, and it will be a great loss unless she can sail speedily. [⅔ *page.*]

April 14. Order thereon that the Admiralty Commissioners give warrants for preserving the seamen, as far as is consistent with the public service. [*I.* 77, *p.* 791.]

April 14. Council. Day's Proceedings.

85, 86. 2. On report from the Admiralty Commissioners that, according to order, they have charged warrants on the former Prize Goods' Commissioners for 200*l.* to Capt. Alsop, Provost-Marshal-General of the army, for maintenance of the Flemish and Spanish prisoners under his charge, but that they have no money in hand, and that there are several prisoners in York, Plymouth, and Exeter, for whom money is needed—order that in future all money wanted for

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maintenance or transport of prisoners be paid out of the proceeds of prize goods, on warrants from the Admiralty Commissioners. Approved 5 May.

5. The petition of Margaret, relict of Col. John Venne, and now wife of Mr. Wells, minister, referred to Wolsley, Strickland, Lisle, Pickering, and Mulgrave, to report.

8, 9. Mr. Moreland to have liberty to print and publish his history of the Protestants in Piedmont, and Scobell and Jessop to estimate the cost thereof, and report. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 788–792.]

April 14.
The Tiger,
Harwich.

Capt. Gab. Sanders to Robt. Blackborne. I wrote from Yarmouth Roads that I was going to the Maas to convoy home some vessels; on the way, I chased two Ostenders for 16 hours, but having broken my mainmast, I was unable to follow them up or go to the Maas, and have come in with the Fame to refit and victual. [1 *page.*]

April $\frac{15}{25}$.
Brussels.

[Sir Edw. Hyde] to Sec. Nicholas. If I durst, I should be angry with you for not opening Mr. Roper's letters, which could contain nothing that you should not see, and might contain something in cypher which I could not understand without your help.

I do not wonder that Middleton is very sad, but if I were to be hanged for it, I know not how to help it. We have not received a penny yet, and when we shall I shall only know the end of this week. He is not fallen into these straits by any neglect of his friends here, or by pursuing his instructions. There was neither a promise made, nor a word in his whole negotiation which passed not your hand. The first design of the journey was his own, on confidence of getting a good sum, and when he had the first 100*l.* assigned, it was as much as he looked for. It is true if he found the ways he proposed to fall short, and should return an account how and on what terms he could prevail, we promised to get what money we could of the ministers here. I hope my letter will satisfy him, for no doubt he may dispose his men to his advantage, and those who have them will be glad to pay their charges.

Thanks for your advice of credentials for Mr. Roper, which shall be dispatched and sent you, for there is no signet here; this makes me send you a testimonial for an honest man to seal.

The King has got himself into mourning, how he will pay for it, God knows. Chide my wife if she plays the fool. Noted as received the 28th. [1 *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

April 16.
The Providence,
Downs.

88. Lieut. W. Sheppard to Commissioner Hopkins. You will wonder at receiving a letter dated from the Providence in the Downs so soon after our being bound for the fleet before Cadiz, but we and the Yarmouth have brought in a Spanish galleon; although it is the Yarmouth's prize, the Providence was the first to give chase, yet with all our dexterity and skill, we were only spectators; I cannot compare this ship to anything but the impotent man at the Pool of Bethesda, for still one or the other steps before her; and this is not covetousness, but a proud emulation to discharge our duty to God and the nation. Thanks for your good opinion of me, which I hope to retain, and to be able to wait upon you in 2 or 3 months. [1 *page.*]

April 16.
The Providence,
Downs.

89. Capt. Jno. Littlejohn to the Admiralty Commissioners. I convoyed the Golden Parrot and Hopewell, bound for Jamaica, to the Land's End, by order of Capt. Stoakes, and after lying to for 60 hours through the wind, returned to my station. I met Capt. Mackey off the North Cape, expecting Capt. Stoakes, and saw the galleon now brought into the Downs. I beg orders as my ship is fit for sea, but wants carpenter's stores. [1 *page.*]

April 16.
The Essex,
Downs.

90. Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Yarmouth and Providence have brought in the Sta. Maria, a Spanish merchant, which Capt. Mackey met off the North Cape, laden with tobacco, wool, sugar, hides, brazil wood, turtle shells, &c., from the West Indies, and bound for the Groyne, having 90 seamen and passengers, and 18 guns. I send a letter from Mackey, and have arranged with him to stay for further orders, as also to provide against any embezzlements. Particulars of the arrival and departure of other ships. Many have arrived from several ports, without meeting any of the enemies' men-of-war. [1 *page.*]

April 16.
The Yarmouth,
Downs.

91. Capt. Robt. Mackey to the Admiralty Commissioners. On 12 March I sailed from Plymouth, with the Rainbow and Providence and several victuallers, and saw them to Gen. Blake's fleet. On returning for the North Cape, I chased a sail called the Virgin Mary of Calais, from Carthagena for St. Sebastian's, laden with tobacco, &c. After exchanging several shots, she struck her flag. I boarded her, and found she had 18 guns, 90 seamen and passengers, amongst whom is Don Diego de Castro, governor of Loca, a place in Peru, and several other Dons. After taking her, the Providence came up, and Capt. Littlejohn agreed to assist in seeing her safely brought in, not knowing what she might be worth. I was desired by the governor to look for a chest with about 5,000 pieces of 8 in gold and silver, but although I made search, it could not be found; I have however about a bushel of letters, which I will send up. I formerly complained of my master's deportment towards his commander, and as he has since most grossly abused me, I desire he may be removed, or I cannot remain myself. [1½ *pages.*]

April 16.
The Assistance,
Ostend.

92. Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I sailed out of Dover Road for my station, with the Nightingale, Bramble, and Acadie, but we got separated. A small fishing boat came off from Blackenburg with a flag of truce, to buy the boat and nets I formerly advised you of having taken. On examining the fishermen as to what frigates had lately gone out of or into Ostend, they said they had not been there for 3 months, and were not allowed, in case intelligence should be forced from them; they admitted however that 4 small ships from the eastwards went in there on the 7th instant, and that the State's man-of-war, which was taken last year with the English convoys, is fitted for sea, has 40 guns, is bound for Biscay or Spain, and would have sailed but for the English ships arriving upon the coast. I have nothing to induce me to credit anything they say, save that I can discern through my glass a ship riding at the Brush, with the ragged staff at the main topmast head. I have had very foul weather with high winds, and the fishing boat I formerly mentioned, sinking at the stern, she was the next night carried away from her moorings. [1 *page.*]

April $\frac{16}{26}$. London. W. W[alker to Ambassador Lockhart.] Little has been done this week in Parliament. The House meets daily, and adjourns till his Highness returns his answer. To-day the committee conferred with him, and are to meet him to-morrow at 3 p.m. You have heard of the wild people's design. They were seized in Bishopsgate Street; some of the chief about town of that judgment were seized, and are in custody. [1 *page, copy. French correspondence.*]

April 16. **93.** Hum. Robinson to [Williamson]. Despatch of letters, goods, books, &c. I sent your letter to Sir Ralph Hare, but hear nothing of him.

Our Protector cannot be drawn to accept of kingship, notwithstanding their frequent addresses to him; he takes further time to satisfy his conscience. The Parliament have done nothing but this since Easter, nor will till this is finished. We think he is the more shy because the Majors-general and much of the army are against it. Last week, our 5th monarchy men were arriving to dethrone him as an Antichrist, and Gideon-like, doubted not to do it with such a number that one should chase 1000; 20 or 30 were taken into custody. Major Harrison and some others of that judgment may be in the plot. Now we hear he has lately got a cold, and is much indisposed; it's said because they have sworn against kingship the name of emperor will content them; this may reconcile all. [1 *page.*]

April $\frac{17}{27}$. Brussels. [Sir Edw. Hyde] to Sec. Nicholas. You have a great advantage over us in the post, for our letters come to you early over night, and you have time till next noon; but yours come at night, and we have to send to the post before 10, so no wonder if we write in haste and omit things.

I have not sent Sir Rich. Browne's revocation, the King resolving, though he has not altered his opinion, to hear once more from France, and to see what alteration there will be in the Councils on the death of the Emperor; I suppose Mr. Young would not advertize you that of the 09.134.2: [Protector?] if he had not some information of it, yet you know we have had the same before, when not true.

I can yet give you no account of your friend Sir. Thos. Walsh, who has been with Don Alonso and Don John; by the assiduous care of the good father, he has seen Don John, who used him with some courteousness. A little paper, much to the same purpose with those you have seen, but shorter, and mentioning only his zeal to the service of his Catholic Majesty. The King has appointed lords Bristol and Rochester to examine him, which they will do in a day or 2. Except it be a fault not to do all myself, I must impute the forgetting the cypher to Harry. Two merchants who lately came over to Antwerp have been imprisoned for disaffection, and will not be released till they have yielded some milk.

If they are called spies, they may deserve it. Many solicit their release, and among them your friend Tosse, but ineffectually.

I will give the King the message you received from France. Nothing is left undone here that we can think of. I wish he would tell us how to take advantage of this. I still think the yielding will be on the Cardinal's part, and that he will yield in all and be friends. I wonder you think this stranger than that he sent an ambassador into England, after he had seized all the English goods in France, with as much rigour as he has done now the Dutch.

I see you have no faith in the good words we receive here; tell us what else to do, and to what friends to betake ourselves, and I will trust these no more than you will do.

It is not easy to resolve what to say to M. Roper; as soon as any conclusion is made, you shall know it.

I do not think Manley ? opposed Cromwell's being King, nor that he desired it for other reason than new importunity, to which he will yield at last. Excuse me to those to whom I cannot write by this post. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{18}{28}$. Dantzic. Lieut.-Gen. Middleton to Sec. Nicholas. The delay in arrival of yours has put me to great trouble, and his Majesty to very great charges for these soldiers that are on my hand. I know not what to do with them. The disbanding of them will hinder any future levies in these parts for his Majesty's service. I cannot keep them beyond Tuesday, for I am at the end of all my little shifts. As to my countrymen, if 10 ducats would do the business, I could not draw it from them. Indeed they are inconsiderable, two excepted, and these complain so much of past injuries that no good can be done with them. I have delivered none of his Majesty's letters, for they are not worthy of that respect.

Till money comes, I shall be kept here in cruel restraint; 3,000 guilders would pay all I owe. But if by next post I am encouraged to go on with the levies, I hope that in return for my great charges, I might do his Majesty some small service.

No place has more kindness for the King than this. The King of Poland wrote effectually to the Senate on my business, and I expect a letter from him to our King daily. The Polish Commissioner has been treated very well, and says the King desires to see me, and if he comes near this place, will find a way to convoy me to his army. I am ill provided for long expeditions, so I told him I could not promise anything, but must wait my master's commands. The King and great ones in Poland are much satisfied with our King, and his letter was as welcome as if it had brought actual assistance.

Bradshaw, Cromwell's resident at Hamburg, is to be sent to the Emperor of Russia. I conceive the Muscoviter now being declared successor to the crown of Poland, a letter from the King of Poland to that Emperor may hinder his reception. If the Muscoviter take Riga this summer, as is expected, his friendship may be of great advantage to his Majesty. News from Poland. [3 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

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94. John Griffith to the King. I submitted to your will and retired here, where I have continued 15 months, in great affliction at being deprived of his royal Highness' service. I beg pardon of whatever was laid to my charge, and restoration. I have done enough to prove that none alive could be more devoted to your person and interests. [1 *page.*]

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Paris.

Col. John Bamp[field to Sir John Hobart, Bart.] My best apology for troubling you is to assure you that I would not so transgress without leave, but that my great necessities enforce me, like a sinking person, to catch hold of any stay to save me from drowning.

I have been improvident enough, since my submission to the present government, not to have secured the friendship of any in power, except him whose dissatisfaction causes my present sufferings. I will present you with reflections pertinent to my justification from 2 particulars, which are the chief ground of the suspicions I lie under.

When the subtlety of my enemies had disposed their master to hate and remove me from his Court and service, without show of justice, he countenanced a forged accusation against lords Dysart, Lorne, Bacarras, Sir Herbert Murray, and myself, which was the only cause of my abandoning his party and returning to England, to seek sanctuary among those against whom I had fought. Now my enemies strike me at the altar, by accusing me of designs to embroil the present government, contrary to my promises; and knowing that their master's hatred of me, and my resentment of his oppression was too public for them to accuse me of negotiating for him, they try to ruin me with his Highness, by the same artifice with which they engaged their master against me, accusing me of making a party in England for his brother [James, Duke of York].

This fiction is unreasonable and inconsistent; first, from what I said to Mr. Secretary about his (the Duke's) leaving Bruges last Christmas, which was all I knew about him; then, from the nature of the thing to the royal party who are so alienated from him by the jealousy of his brother, and practice of his ministers, that there could have been no application; and if there had, I am the last person to make it, as they pursue me with malice. If the Presbyterians refuse to join their considerable interest with his brother [Charles II.], and with the assistance it is believed he will have from abroad, how unlikely it is that they should espouse the younger brother's unjust pretentions. I know that that party, who are zealous Protestants, have a greater aversion to the recovery of that family than some who make greater professions of fidelity, for they consider the Protestant interest interwoven with the present government. What Presbyterian, Independent, Protestant, or Englishman without religion, who considers the honour and prosperity of his country, or his own interest, would not rather sacrifice his life than suffer his religion, country, estate, and family, to become a prey to Spaniards and Irish rebels? If they massacred such vast numbers of English in Ireland unprovoked, at the beginning of the war, what will they do in revenge of what they have justly suffered since?

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If there be any person alive who can prove me to have assisted to make a party for the Duke of York, either before or after his father's death, or to have delivered letters or messages for him, I will be content to die an ignominious death; but if I am not confronted with my accusers, I can have no redress.

I am accused of having a friendly discourse with Col. Mackworth, governor of Shrewsbury, the night before I left London, the substance of which I enclose, and the copy of it I sent long since to Mr. Secretary. Consider whether it is likely that, in the same breath, I should persuade him not to have anything to do with the royal family, as persons who would never keep faith with any, and yet to be false to his Highness, to whom I advised him to knit himself more closely than before. Next, how improbable is it that I should say anything tending to his Highness' disservice, when he told me that Progers and Hopton had made some overtures to him in the royal interest, but that he had informed his Highness of it, lest they should have been beforehand with him? Also he knew of my applications to the Protector and Mr. Secretary, and that I was leaving next day, and hoped to make my fortune in his Highness' service.

The reason why the informant said this was, first, to ingratiate himself; next, lest I should use to his prejudice some odd expressions he had used, and thinking that, as I was leaving the next morning, I should not know what he had done. Pray give the enclosed to Mr. Secretary, as you advise my writing to him; I have done so 14 times without acknowledgment. If he does not want me, I wish to serve under Sir John Reynolds, or in Portugal, or the Duke of Brandenburg, though from my acquaintance with the Court and army here, France is the place where I can best serve him. [2¾ *pages, copy, French correspondence.*] *Enclosing,*

I. [*Col. Bampfield to Sec. Thurloe.*] *I have tried to vindicate myself from any accusation, and now I have written to Sir John Hobart, clearing myself fully, as far as can be without being heard in my own defence, from what can be suggested against me, either relating to James Stuart or my discourse with Col. Mackworth. You yourself bade me correspond with Lord Jermyn, both for my own security here, and other public ends relating to the French Court, &c. As I have told you all that ever passed between us, I hope this will not be considered a fault. If his Highness' ambassador here has written anything to my disadvantage, I am not surprised, yet I cannot clear myself, not knowing particulars, but shall persist in my fidelity to his Highness, notwithstanding any discouragement through the malice of my enemies.*

I should be glad to serve with the English troops coming over under Sir John Reynolds, and could be useful to him, as knowing the language and manners of this people, and this may be better for me than any further intermeddling with politics. If this cannot be, I should wish leave to serve the Duke of Brandenburg, whom I know a little, or

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Portugal. But send me 60 crowns, to pay the debts contracted in your service. Remember your promises, and your order to me to pay 90 pistoles of the 200l. you gave me to others. When ill at Calais, I was forced to pawn a piece of cloth, and here I have been trusted for board and lodging, and not had a penny but what I pawned or sold necessaries for. I was never in so sad a condition. If you will do nothing for me to enable me to quit this place decently, at least let me know it. Paris, $\frac{18}{28}$ *April* 1657. [1¼ *pages, copy.*]

II. *Statement [by Col. Bampfield.] Being with the governor of Shrewsbury* 14 *days ago, he told me that Hopton had endeavoured to draw him to the royal party, assuring him that Charles Stuart had* 17,000 *men at the water side. I answered that when I left France* 3 *weeks ago, he had not* 3,000, *and I advised him not to trust any of that party, who had been unfaithful to each other, and advised him to marry some relation of those in power about his Highness, and to take active service if the English engaged in any foreign war, as being more honourable than shutting himself up in a garrison; but he said he liked his garrison, and should keep it if he could. I advised him to go oftener to Court, and spend his leisure at Whitehall, and give up some dissolute company he kept. This was all our discourse, and I appeal to the world whether it deserves banishment or imprisonment.* [¾ *page, French correspondence.*]

April 18. The Constant Warwick, St. Martin's Road.

95. Capt. Robt. Vessey to the Admiralty Commissioners. I transported Capt. John Whaly from Dublin to Rochelle by order of Lord Henry [Cromwell] and the Council, and having intelligence of 8 or 10 Spanish men-of-war laying upon the French coast for our Bordeaux fleet, I weighed in order to surprise them, and chased one, but lost her at night. Afterwards I came up with 4 more of from 3 to 6 guns each, took one, burnt the second, and disabled the third so much by shot that she was forced to run ashore, when she went to pieces, but the fourth got away; I have their three commanders prisoners. I did not judge it necessary to bring over the men, as there were 200, and my provisions were growing short, and I did not know what time I might get to England; I intend landing them at St. Martin's Island, near Rochelle. I hope to meet some more ships, and to that end will lie off the Poule Head of Bordeaux, having received letters from the merchants of Bordeaux of 16 or 20 sail of Englishmen that dare not come forth, by reason of men-of-war lying about the river's mouth. [¾ *page.*]

April 19. The Reserve, Flemish Road.

96. Capt. Robt. Plumleigh to the Admiralty Commissioners. I sailed in company of the Adventure, Dartmouth, and Redhorse pink for Mardike Pitts, and we possessed ourselves of the Flemish Roads, so as to prevent the enemies' men-of-war going in or coming out of Dunkirk; the Cheriton, Mermaid, and Truelove are to remain and ply between the Flemish Road and Gravelines, to prevent any of the enemies' ships passing in or out of the Splinter. I have observed their actions, and find them to be as vigilant as possible. The enemy are very quiet. I have got no intelligence except from the master of a Dutch ship. I send a copy of his examination, and as there was no just cause for her detention, I allowed her to proceed on her voyage to Amsterdam. I desire order as to detaining Dutch or any other ships coming out of Dunkirk, although in friendship with the Commonwealth.

The Dartmouth and Redhorse requiring victuals, I have desired the commander of the Downs squadron to send others to supply their place; 6 sail should be constantly appointed to guard the road, *viz.*, two 4th rate, two 5th rate, and two 6th rate frigates, as also to lie in Mardike Pitts. We have had much foul weather, but the whole squadron are in safety; the sick want fresh diet, and I hope care will be taken for a supply. I beg leave of absence at the end of the victualling on the 19th of next month. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

96. I. *Examination of Rich. Risbert, the Dutch shipmaster, relative to the state of the ships at Dunkirk. There are* 7 *ships of war, but chiefly small; no preparation for coming to sea. There have been few captures lately, so that the Dutch weary of the employment.* 14 *April* 1657. [1 *page.*]

April $\frac{20}{30}$. Brussels. [Sir Edw. Hyde] to Sec. Nicholas. Non-arrival of letters. I wish you were here to see how easy it is to get resolution in anything, as well those within our own determination as others, and then you would not wonder why I have not yet sent you Sir Rich. Browne's revocation or Mr. Roper's dispatch, yet I have prepared both.

The Spanish ambassador is where you would have him, at the Hague, though I wish him here, and your Frenchman is received as ambassador there, for which they unreasonably undervalue the intelligence of our friend Borreel, who sent word that he would appear only as envoy. I tell you still the yielding will be on the Cardinal's part.

When will you believe that I say what I think? I never in my life said anything to you that I did not believe. I no more believe that the King will stay here till near Whitsuntide than that he will go to Cologne, which I dare swear he does not think of. We shall be with you 3 days after we get away, but hitherto we have not had one dollar. Don Juan resolves to go to Antwerp this week, and I cannot imagine it possible to stay when he is gone. Some officers here are finer in their clothes than you or I, but I know none that keeps a coach and 6 horses.

The Duke of Buckingham is I believe in London; a petition has been delivered in his name to Cromwell, and graciously received, and it is said he shall have one of the young princesses, which he must be contented with now the Earl of Chesterfield has his mistress, which is much better than the other, and therefore the good lady ought not to be so troubled. I have given Church's bill to Mr. Fox, who will pay it.

I chide your brother secretary for being without his tools. He says he will get some made. He is as beggarly as the rest of us.

P.S.—Let my tutor send 6 commissions ready sealed for horse and foot. Noted received 1 May. [1½ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

April 20. **97.** Petition of Hum. Jones, treasurer to the money raised by sale of the late King's goods, to Lord Lambert and Col. Phil. Jones. I have prepared an account of all my receipts and issues, and delivered it to the appointed Commissioners, and attended to give particulars; it shows that I have still 500*l.* undisposed of. As you are appointed to issue orders for disposal of this money, I think it right to tell you that I have only 500*l.*, and that no warrants must be used for more until I receive more money. [1 *page.*]

April 20. The Yarmouth, Downs. **98.** Capt. Robt. Mackey to the Admiralty Commissioners. I examined several of my prisoners as to the condition of affairs in the West Indies, and as to the 12 ships said to be returned from thence, but they could give no account save of two of the King of Spain's men-of-war of 24 or 25 guns which were lying off Carthagena, and a small English ship off the Havanna. By order of Capt. Whitehorne, I have delivered the prize to Capt. Crapnell of the Essex. I have put the best of the prisoners on board the ketch, and the remainder on shore. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

98. I. *List of* 93 *passengers and crew, Spanish prisoners, with the places of abode of several.* [1 *page.*]

April 20. The Essex, Downs. **99.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. The postmaster seldom conveys packets to the Downs under less than 24 hours, when it might be performed in half the time. The Sub-commissioners for Prize Goods at Dover, as also Commissioner Desborow, have taken charge of the prize and her goods, and care has been taken to prevent embezzlements; I have sent Capt. Crapnell with 20 seamen from the Essex, to carry her up under convoy of the Nonsuch and Eaglet ketch, the latter of which will bring back Capt. Crapnell and the men, as also an anchor and cable and other things lent to the prize. I have sent 70 of the prisoners to Sandwich, in order to their being guarded up to London, and 20 of the principals in the Eaglet ketch, and in the prize.

Capt. Poynts having come down, I have sent Capt. Littlejohn up to you, and as soon as the master for the Yarmouth arrives, I will send up the present one, Capt. Mackey having already sent an account of what he is charged with.

Particulars of ships. The Mermaid has gone to Dieppe to fetch over Viscountess Montague and Sir Edw. Mansell. I hear from Capt. Plumleigh that the enemy at Dunkirk are very quiet, although some of their ships have their sails set, intending as he supposes to escape to sea if possible; this he will endeavour to hinder, and for that purpose desires a 5th or 6th rate frigate may be added to his squadron, which is in a very good plight, notwithstanding the late storm, as is also that before Ostend. [3 *pages.*]

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100. Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have seen little of the enemy since my last, but the Acadie chased a sloop on shore near Ostend, laden with wine, cheese, fruit, &c., which is lost. The Ostend fishermen have again applied for liberty to fish, their present condition being so sad that they have not bread to keep their families alive, and the various commanders were so much moved towards them, that they would have granted it had it lain in their power. Notwithstanding the long continued enmity between them and the French, they have hitherto forborne to seize or destroy each other's coast fishing boats, or to take any of ours, but they nevertheless complain that the best of their fish has been taken from them by men-of-war. I always feared the enemy's surprising their boats and getting intelligence thereby, but now I believe if they were freed by us from the point of starving, by giving them leave to fish, it would engage them to communicate such intelligence to us, but I will not grant anything until ordered.

There are 15 boats belonging to the place, which are tributaries to the Hollanders as well as the Spaniards, and are only suffered to come out upon special occasions, lest we should gain intelligence by them. The intelligence I received from Flushing is true; the 4 ships seen to go in before my arrival on the coast were the Leopold and 3 small frigates, which are yet in harbour, and there are 3 more fitted and ready to sail upon the King's account, one of which was the State's man-of-war, and 4 or 5 free booters. [1 *page.*]

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Paris.

101. C. George to Williamson. You will see by the enclosed what I have disbursed for you; remember that I gave Mr. Whorwood 60*l.* [1 *page, French.*]

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London.

P. W. to ———. On discovery of the late plot against his Highness, Maj.-Gen. Harrison, Captain, late Vice-Admiral, Lawson, and Col. Danvers have been secured in custody of the serjeant-at-arms attending Council. Venner, Rich. Martin, Wm. Kirkby, Sam. Morris, Thos. Bernard, and Wm. Madey, their scribe, are in the Tower; others in Lambeth House and the Gatehouse. It is said that the Anabaptists and Quakers were chiefly active in the conspiracy.

P.S. These 3 last days all say the Protector has at last assented to the desires of his people, and that on the arrival of a number of regiments from Ireland, he will be crowned. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, copy. French correspondence.*]

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102. Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Oxford being at Dover to transport some gentlemen to Dieppe, two men, calling each other John and George, went on board for the purpose of going over, having passes from the clerk of the port. They had not been long at sea before they began to speak to the seamen according to their judgments as Quakers, which being disliked by Capt. Allgate and the gentlemen, and a disturbance arising, the captain examined them as to their reasons for going over to France, when they answered they were led over by the Spirit for the conversion of souls, and in order thereto they were carrying over the English and French book enclosed; they said they were willing to lose their lives for their religion. The captain, not knowing what might be the effect if he landed them on the French coast, has brought them back; for my own part, I verily believe that these sort of men who compass land and sea to gain proselytes will only share with the Pharisees in their portion. [1½ *pages.*]

April 23. The Essex, Downs, **103.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. Particulars of ships. The Hawk ketch has arrived with 30 sail of the Brightemstone fishermen, bound for the North Foreland, which with the rest of the North Foreland fishermen will make 90 sail there; I have appointed the Half-Moon to attend the fishery off Beachy and the Ness, and desire the Hawk may be appointed to lie off the North Foreland with the Cornelian.

Hearing that there are 7 or 8 Holland men-of-war cruising in the Narrow, I have directed Capt. Allgate and the commanders of the Half-Moon and Hawk to endeavour to come up with them, and ascertain why they remain there, and to keep the sovereingty of the seas; but I believe they are there to warn their merchant ships not to go into any French port, and to annoy French vessels, as it is reported at Paris that war is proclaimed betwixt France and Holland, and that the Prince of Condé is coming with an army of 20,000 or 30,000 men, to secure the coast of Flanders. I beg orders as to giving convoy to French vessels for the future, as also to one brought in by Capt. Tatnell as prize, but since cleared. [2½ *pages.*]

April 23. The George, off the Grand Canaries. **104.** Rich. Creed to Thos. Turner. I have distributed the lists, and given order to charge the 16*s.* 2*d.* a piece on the soldiers that remain in the fleet. I sent an account of stores supplied to the fleet by the Fairfax, and beg you will inform Mr. Payler, and the other officers concerned, that they may be charged to the proper persons; other stores have been bought in Portugal for the fleet, of which I have no account.

We have destroyed the West India fleet consisting of 16 or 17 sail, at St. Crux off Teneriffe, but they had landed all their silver, and much of their goods, and some had taken in fresh provisions for the Indies, whither it was designed they should return, without coming nearer Spain, for fear of our fleet; their men were continually kept on board in expectation of us. They had erected new forts round the Bay, but we have destroyed them. We had 40 men slain, and 110 wounded, and the Speaker and some other ships are disabled. [1 *page.*]

April 23. **105.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I send you a bill for Mr. Norris of 216 crowns. Private affairs. Your brother is in town, and will write to you. When do you go to Italy? It is thought the Emperor's death will sooner accord Holland with you. The Protector is not satisfied with the Parliament, large offers on the one side, and army's adverseness on the other. He has lately given them a paper of reasons, which it is believed may hold them till Whitsuntide, with hopes they may have at last that so long petitioned for. Some think he delays till he has some regiments from Ireland and Scotland that he dares confide in, and transport his dissenters. Since those few 5th monarchy men were in custody, we are very quiet. [1 *page.*]

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April 24. / May 4. **106.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. I have received a packet of letters. I know not whether to continue to ride, as I have begun so ill. If I knew any remedy within 8 days, when my two months expire, I would discontinue it finally. I will contrive some excuse, for one learns nothing without money. [1 *page, French.*]

April 25. The Assistance, Ostend. **107.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Drake and Bramble brought in 2 hoys from Zealand, bound for Ostend with salt, one belonged to Middleburg, and the other to Flushing, and the goods belonged to Jacob Levers, a burgher of Middleburg, for whom it is lawful to transport their own goods to such ports as can afford the best price. As they conceived themselves injured by being intercepted in their passage, I gave them liberty to go for any port not in subjection to the King of Spain, or to return home, of which they made choice, but with much discontent. Being in the dark touching such cases, and having nothing to warrant me in intercepting their passage except grounds of suspicion, I beg you to inform me what ships are to have liberty to trade with Ostend, or any part of Flanders; what goods are to be admitted, and what not. Pray add another ship to my squadron; 6 are not sufficient to block up the port of Ostend, and one is constantly required to ply in the offing, besides having to give convoys. The want of one ship may render all our endeavours ineffectual, and he that wants a lock for one door had as good set all the rest open. [1¼ *pages.*]

April 25. Chelsea College. **108.** John Stainforth, Deputy Marshal General, to the Admiralty Commissioners. I certify, at request of Christ. Boone, the names of 11 seamen and 2 passengers taken in the Virgin Mary, and one in the St. Civilcano of Havannah, and all confined in Chelsea College. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

108. I. *Note and list by Edw. Sandford, Deputy Marshal General, of 53 Spanish prisoners received from Ensign Travers of Col. Gibbon's regiment, by order of the Admiralty Commissioners.* [1½ *pages.*]

April 27. The Essex, Downs. **109.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. Particulars of ships. The Mermaid landed Viscountess Montague on the 24th. Capt. Foot met in the Narrow several Holland men-of-war, who readily submitted to him, and enquired as much for Frenchmen as he did for Dunkirkers and Ostenders. Commissioner Desborow and I intended to have 70 of the prisoners set on shore, but Capt. Mackey having undertaken the business without my knowledge, and only landed 53, I was forced to send the rest with the Eaglet ketch and the prize. [2 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

109. I. *List of the Downs squadron, with particulars of their stations.* [1 *page.*]

April 28. Hamburg. **110.** Rich. Bradshaw to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received your reasons for not issuing the commission desired, as it would rather argue a distrust of my proceedings than effect the end I propounded; but I propounded it to discover the truth of the bespatterings of Fras. Townley, who publicly reported that I had falsified my trust, and that Col. Clerke had told my servants that if others employed by the State made such bargains for them as I had done, it would soon impoverish the Commonwealth. I cannot therefore but insist upon my desire for a commission to be sent over, to examine upon oath all that were actors here in that business, not apprehending myself exempt from the common rule of discovering truth, nor that it can reflect upon me to have such as I entrusted quit themselves like honest men, or acquit me by declaring their own guilt if they proved faulty. When that course is taken here, it may also be prosecuted in England, there being some probability that the fault will be found to have been there.

Though I am shortly to depart to the Great Duke of Muscovy, it can be executed in my absence by any you may think fit, and on my return, I will willingly pass the test, and think it less disparagement than to be judged as having employed knaves and fools in the State's service. Though Mr. Townley and his servant Cambridge may not be known to all of you, yet Townley is known to some of you for his misdemeanors, for which he was commanded hence; nevertheless the Admiralty warrants still run in their names, and not in that of the contractor, and they are still looked upon as agents or factors for the State here, to their no small honouring among the resident merchants, who expected another kind of reward would have been given them for their insolent behaviour towards his Highness in his public minister here, which I cannot but think his Highness will so judge them worthy of, when the truth of their proceedings is known. [1 *page*.]

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111. Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Acadie brought off another small fishing boat, but as it was subsequently proved by the governor or chief burgher of Sluys, who sent out the chief bailiff with papers for that purpose, that she belonged to that place, although formerly to Blackenburg, and that her owners were late of Blackenburg, but had hired a house in Sluys, been in possession 14 days, and would have to continue there a year,—other circumstances showing how frequent it is to remove from one side to another, as war or peace presents—the boat was restored, as I have no order or inclination to injure any known inhabitant of the United Provinces.

I was informed by the chief bailiff that there are 8 or 9 ships in Ostend ready to come out, and that if the greater part of them had not been upon private men's account, they would have endeavoured to force their way to sea long ago; but the merchants cannot be drawn to adventure their ships upon such slender hopes, and there is little probability of their forcing out at present, except they should all be taken up on the King's account which by some is endeavoured. I beg a ship or two may be sent to my assistance with all speed, as the strength of Flanders is now in this port, and our whole squadron cannot make 600 men, whereas the enemy have more in 3 of their ships. [1 *page*.]

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April 28. **112.** Petition of Phil. Tandy, registrar accountant, to the Protector and Council, for an order for payment of his arrears, &c., with a *non-obstante* of former orders, and for settlement of his salary. Has got something from the Drury House Trustees to stop the mouths of his debtors and of 8 in family, but has nothing but his salary in future. [½ *page.*]

April 28. Order thereon granting the petition as to payment of arrears only. Approved 5 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 795, 816.]

[April 28.] **113.** Dr. Brune Ryves to Wm. Jessop, clerk of the Council. The great encouragement which the printing of the Bible in the original and other learned languages has met with from the Protector and Council emboldens us to make this last request for a grant of 3,000 reams of paper, excise and custom free, to reprint the introduction to those languages, with greater enlargements and necessary tracts, not fit for the preface to the Bible, yet of great use to and much desired by all the lovers of the Eastern tongues. Thank Sir Gilbert Pickering, our great patron, for his readiness to serve us, and beg his assistance for the grant of this petition, and you will oblige the Commonwealth of learning, and the undertakers of this work, in which the glory of the nation is concerned. 23 April 1657. [1 *page.*]

April 28. Order thereon in Council granting the petition. Approved 12 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 796, 816.]

April 28. **114.** Petition of the Greenland Company to the Protector and Council. We have fitted 3 good ships, and hired our harpooners and steersmen, but some have lately been pressed to serve the State. As we cannot make our voyage without them, we beg a warrant that they may be set at liberty, and that those entertained for the voyage may be exempted from impress. Signed by Fras. Ashe, governor. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **114.** I. *List of 20 harpooners and steersmen for the Mary Bonadventure, 28 for the Exchange, and 15 for the William and Sara, for whom this protection is requested.* [¾ *page.*]

April 28. Order thereon granting the petition, and also protection for the men shipped in the Damosell and Spinner. [*I.* 77, *p.* 798.]

April 28. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. On certificate from Newcastle-on-Tyne—on an order of 10 Feb. 1656–7, for several gentlemen to examine some articles against Leonard Carr, alderman, certifying that he joined with others in raising and sending money to the late King's forces, and accused Lord Fairfax, and others employed in the Parliament's service, to be traitors; that they find the substance of the articles true, and judge Carr to be unfit to hold the post of alderman:—order for a letter to him to desist from exercising the functions of an alderman, or attend Council, and show cause to the contrary. Approved 5 May.

2. Order on information that—Hopkins, of Newport, in the Isle of Wight, has lately undertaken to be a public carrier between that Isle and London, is convicted of keeping a house of entertainment

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without a license, has harboured disorderly persons, and is not a person fit to be confided in:—that Hopkins forbear to be carrier accordingly, and that the governor of the Isle see this order observed.

3. 100 barrels of powder to be sent to the public stores in the Isle of Wight, and the Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers at the Tower to deliver them to such as Col. Sydenham, governor of the Isle, shall appoint. Approved 5 May.

4. On petition of And. Halliburton, merchant of London—that having lately imported a great quantity of Spanish coin, he now has opportunity to export it to India, before he can coin ⅓ of it, according to the Act giving leave to export ⅔ on payment of 1 per cent. custom, and praying leave to export 4,000*l.* worth, paying 3 per cent. custom:—order that the petition be granted. Approved 30 April.

5. Approval of augmentations granted by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to the ministers of the following places:—

		£	*s.*	*d.*
Sandbach	co. Chester	30	0	0
Maplestead Magna	„ Essex	10	0	0
Brentwood	„ „	20	0	0
Blewbery	„ Berks	20	0	0
Teton	„ Northampton	20	0	0
Hanley Castle	„ Worcester	50	0	0
Moseley	„ „	25	6	8
Wednesbury	„ Stafford	30	0	0
Tipton	„ „	10	0	0
in addition to 10*l.* before.				
New Shoreham	„ Sussex	30	0	0
Framfield	„ „	30	0	0
Brixton	„ Devon	10	0	0
in addition to 10*l.* before.				
Exning	„ Suffolk	10	0	0
in addition to 20*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* before.				
Bramford	co. Suffolk	20	0	0
Allhallows, Hertford	„ Herts	25	7	0
in addition to 24*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.* before.				
Denbigh	co. Denbigh	40	0	0
Ascott	„ Oxon	40	0	0
Longsdon	„ Derby	3	6	8
Withward Chapel, King's Norton,	co. Worcester	13	6	8
towards the 50*l.* named in the Trustees' order.				
Thorganby	co. York	25	0	0
Ancroft	„ Durham	50	0	0
Berwick-on-Tweed		20	0	0
in addition to 100*l.* before.				
Norham Schoolmaster *viz.*, John Smith.	co. Durham	6	13	4

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6. The petition of Wm. Crowne, late receiver of revenue in co. Salop, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

7. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay John, Earl of Lauderdale, a pension of 5*l.* a week, formerly ordered out of Council's contingencies, from the time specified in Frost's certificate, on Council's order of 22 Jan. 1656–7.

8. On petition of Anne, wife of Rich. Swayne—shewing that they have a parcel of land adjoining Shrewsbury Castle, which is Swayne's inheritance, but in the State's possession, and employed for fortifications under the Castle, and praying a fit consideration for it, and on an order of Council of 5 Sept. 1655, directing payment of the rent to Michaelmas 1655, valued at 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* a year—order that the rent be paid till next Lady Day at that proportion, *viz.*, 10*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* for 2½ years, from Council's contingencies.

10. Order on Lisle's report from the Committee on petition of Mr. Stoope, minister of ————, of the state of the case, and the petitioner's dangers and charges in his journey to France in the State's service, that Frost pay him 200*l.* Approved 5 May.

11. The petition of John, son and heir of John Ewbank, deceased, concerning the office of Master Surveyor of Ordnance, referred to Lambert, Pickering, Lisle, Mulgrave, and Strickland, to report and advise.

13. Order that—as the creditors and others concerned in confiscated estates in Scotland have most of them subscribed an agreement to raise their proportion towards the 40,000*l.* fine set on them, but require a longer time than that limited in the order—they may have till 25 May next for the first ½, giving security to pay the other ½ by 25 July next; till which security is given, none holding any part of the estates, or any donatives from them, are to be disturbed.

14. A letter to be written to the Council in Scotland, noticing a summons lately sent from an officer of the Earl of Lauderdale to the persons holding part of his estate under a donative from Parliament, to quit their possession, recommending care of those persons who hold donatives out of the estate.

16. Order on letter from Durham, of 23 April, to Maj.-Gen. Robt. Lilburne, concerning a person secured there, calling himself Maj. Edw. Berriffe, that, for the reasons given, he be sent up to Council in custody, Maj.-Gen. Lilburne to see to it.

18. Lisle, Jones, and Pickering, added to the Committee on the petition of the churchwardens and overseers of Martin's-in-the-Fields parish, and 2 to be a quorum.

19. Two also to be a quorum of the Committee on Francis, Lord Willoughby, and Wm. Legg's petition.

20. The petition, certificate, and papers of John Caryll referred to Mulgrave, Lambert, Sydenham, Pickering, Strickland, Jones, and Lisle, to report.

21. On petition of Sir Miles Hobart, K.B., showing that Hen. Horidesnell, his sole witness in a case depending in Chancery concerning his whole estate, is ordered to quit the kingdom

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on suspicion of being concerned in the insurrection of March 1655–6 —order that Horidesnell have liberty to return to England for 3 months, on security for good behaviour.

22. On Mr. Secretary's information that Mr. Moreland has received several letters from Protestants in Piedmont, shewing that they stand in danger of another massacre;—order that the Committee on the said Protestants meet, consider what should be done, and report.

23. Order to advise his Highness to commend it to the care of his ambassador in France to use his influence with the French King on behalf of the Protestants in Piedmont, and Mr. Secretary to send copies of Moreland's letters to the ambassador.

24. Lambert's report of the claim of Sir Andrew Keir, of Greenhead, to several lands in Scotland, before held by the abbots and commendators of Kelso, but since fallen into his Highness' hands by the Ordinance of Pardon, referred to the Lord Deputy, Lambert, Sydenham, and Pickering, to report what will be fit compensation.

25. At the next sitting of Council, the reports concerning demands for arrears for service in Jamaica to be considered.

27. As some discoveries of concealments in co. York have been made by Ald. Sir Thos. Dickenson, now Lord Mayor of York, as governor of Clifford's Tower, on his order of 26 June 1656 for payment of 815*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, being ⅔ of 1,222*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.* his arrears therefrom, and as the moneys have been paid in to Ralph Rymer—order that Rymer pay the said sum to Dickenson. Approved 3 May.

29, 30. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Wm. Jessop, clerk of the Council, 6,000*l.* on account, for pay of the forces under command of Sir John Reynolds, commander-in-chief of the present expedition, out of money arising on Vyner and Backwell's contract for Spanish prize plate, &c., and that it may be presently paid, part is to be issued on the Privy Seal for payment of 4,000*l.* quarterly to Jessop, if the money is wanted before the present Privy Seal is perfected.

31. To advise an order to Jessop, out of the above 6,000*l.*, to pay Maj.-Gen. Kelsey and Capt. Hatsell 400*l.* towards charge of transporting the said forces.

32. To advise an order to Jessop, out of the money he shall receive on the proceeds of the 36,000 crowns remitted from France, to pay 300*l.* to Col. Hen. Lillingston towards pay of his regiment, and 400*l.* each to the 6 foot regiments under Sir John Reynolds' command, towards their pay for a month.

33. **115.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers at the Tower to deliver from the public stores to Sir J. Reynolds 3,000 swords or rapiers, and 3,000 belts; and as there are but 2,000 swords in the store, to buy 1,000 more by contract for the State's use. Approved 29 April.

34. **116.** A like order for 2,000 muskets and 1,000 pikes to Lord Lambert. Approved 29 April.

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35. Order to advise a warrant to pay 2,023*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.* to Frost, to be by him applied to the last quarter's payments of the officers attending Council, and also to

	£	*s.*	*d.*
His Highness' watermen - - -	100	0	0
Porters and officers at Whitehall - -	72	10	0
Mr. Dorislaus and Mr. Ryley, each - -	50	0	0

37. Order that the foot regiments engaged in Sir John Reynolds' expedition, out of which any soldiers are drawn to complete the number engaged, do not recruit to more than 800 till the pay of those above 800 extend to the 6,000*l.* ordered, that the same may be employed for reimbursement thereof to the Exchequer. Approved 2 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 792–802.]

April 28. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Leonard Carr, alderman of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Council having heard that you were charged with raising and lending money to support the King's forces, and with calling people of public trust under Parliament traitors and rebels, ordered the said charges to be examined, and have ascertained that they are true. They therefore consider you unfit to hold the post of alderman, and desire you to desist from exercise of your functions as such, or attend them, to show cause to the contrary. [*I.* 77, *p.* 971.]

April 28/May 8. Blois. **117.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. Not having received the 100 livres, I must name that in my absence M. Oudinet sent me a letter which the person to whom it was addressed refused, and I sent it to Paris. I have sent for it twice, but I think he is playing me some trick. I hope to hear of it soon, for 3 months have gone, and my landlord has not received a penny. [1 *page, French.*]

April 29. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 28 April. [*I.* 77, *p.* 802.]

April 29/May 9. Paris. Col. John B[amfield] to Sir John Hobart, Bart. I write again because my servant says you still remember me, which is all my support in my deep calamities. Not knowing my charge, I cannot say more in my defence. I beg God to make me an example of His indignation here, and to withhold His mercy from me at the great day of account, if I have been guilty of any plot against his Highness or the government since I first spoke to Sec. Thurloe 2¾ years ago, or if I would not hazard my life for it.

I have spoken so freely to Thurloe that I thought he could not have suspected me. I now find Ambassador Lockhart suspects that my correspondence with Thurloe entrenches on his office here. I always feared this and have suffered by it, for during my imprisonment, M. Fobert, a Protestant with whom I lodge, was questioned about me, and promised preferment as a rider of his Highness' horses. On my return, I found my trunks had been broken open and my papers searched. I know not whether any were sent into England, but it would be to my advantage if they fell into Mr. Secretary's hands.

I am in a very hard condition, in odium with the Royal party, banished by the other. I cannot subsist without employment, but if

I apply to the French, ambassador [Lockhart] will baffle me; the Portugal ambassador says his mistress will welcome none that stand ill with his Highness, and the King of Sweden and Duke of Brandenburg would probably say the same.

If I would (which I will not) serve the Dane or in the German army Charles Stuart will cross me. I am constrained to leave Paris to live at less expense at St. Germains. Pray free me from this desolate and ridiculous condition. [3⅓ *pages, French correspondence.*]

April 30. [Sec. Thurloe to Ambassador Lockhart.] Parliament has finished their answer to his Highness' last paper, and very fully answered his demands, both as to money and the sanctioning the Ordinances of his Highness and Council, and so most things else. To-morrow they carry their resolutions to him, and then will insist on his answer to their whole petition. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

April 30. **118.** Petition of Edw. Backwell, goldsmith of London, to the Protector and Council. He and his company have lately imported many pieces of 8 and French and Spanish gold pistoles, which they wish to export by the ships now bound for India. Has liberty by law to export ⅔ on paying 1 per cent. custom, and coining ⅓, but cannot do this within the time. Begs a warrant to export 5,000*l.* in French and Spanish pistoles, and 4,000*l.* in pieces of 8, paying 3 per cent. custom, which will advantage the State. [1 *page.*]

April 30. Order thereon granting the petition. Approved 5 May. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 807–816.]

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(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

3. On petition of Henry Peck, and on the resolves of Parliament of 14 March 1656–7 for taking off the stop made by the House 21 December 1648, of the Ordinances of 16 and 21 October 1648, whereby 4,281*l.* 18*s.* 4½*d.* due to the petitioner out of iron works in Dean Forest is made payable out of ⅔ of the estates of several recusants, and for letting the Ordinances stand in force, and Peck to receive their benefits till his loss is satisfied:—order that the Lord President attend his Highness herein, to learn if he concurs with the said resolves.

6. Council being informed that a house near Gravesend held by John Riddell is used as an inn, though very unfit for that purpose, because it might entertain dangerous persons without inspection, and might prejudice the customs, a bridge being thrown from thence into the Thames;—order that Col. Crompton, Governor of Tilbury and Gravesend Forts, and 2 of the nearest justices of peace of Kent, see that the inn is put down, and the bridge broken down and demolished.

7. The 3,000 swords lately ordered from the Tower for Sir John Reynolds' forces to be distributed amongst them as he shall direct.

8, 9. Jessop to examine what the pay of recruits raised to complete Reynolds' forces to April 27 amounts to, and pay the officers what is found due. Also to pay the officers of Reynolds' 6 foot

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regiments such sum as shall, with the 400*l.* already paid, make one month's pay from 27 April instant.

10. Jessop to proceed, about paying the recruits raised by Col. Lillingston in Lincolnshire, as is ordered concerning the other recruits.

11. Maj.-Gen. Thos. Kelsey and Capt. Hen. Hatsell to provide convenience for transporting over sea as many horses for Reynolds' officers as he shall order up to 150, which the Customs' officers are to allow to be transported custom free.

12. To advise an order to Jessop to pay the money mentioned in a preceding order out of the 6,000*l.* payable to him by Privy Seal.

13. The creditors of confiscated persons in Scotland having petitioned for a longer time to pay the 40,000*l.* fine laid upon the excepted estates—order that on payment of ½ before 1 June 1657, and giving security to pay the other ½ by 1 October 1657, they have the benefits granted by the order of 13 Nov. last, provided that nothing herein impeach the rights of the holders of donatives, until they have received the satisfaction expressed in the said order.

14. The Committee for Scotland to consider what should be done in order to taking off the pensions allowed to several persons in Scotland, who will have their confiscated estates returned, or to limiting them to a convenient time with respect to their several conditions, and to report. Approved 5 May.

His Highness present.

16.* The petition of Abr. Spence, minister of Market Bosworth, co. Leicester, concerning interruption given him by John Rockett by detaining his parsonage house, referred to Fiennes, to consider the whole case, and report.

17.* On report in the case of Rich. Moyse [*see* 19 *March* 1656–7], that on examination of his accounts, 498*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* seems due to him on vouchers, for public faith loans, arrears of pay, service at Lynn and Newark, and clothes bought for his soldiers, beside his demands for 282*l.* 3*s.* more, for which he has no vouchers; also that he owes to the State 132*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for the rent of ⅔ of the lands of Thos. Bedingfield, recusant, at Debenham, co. Suffolk, let to him by the county sequestrators:—order that the said arrears of rent be remitted, and all proceedings against him thereon forborne.

His Highness withdrew.

19. Order on report on the petition of John Hay for the Earl of Kelly's sisters [*see* 17 *March supra*], that licence be given to the Earl to come to Scotland for 6 months, to settle his estate there, on security given to Gen. Monk for his peaceable living there. Approved 5 May.

20. Order for a warrant to pay Mr. Lockyer the arrears of his allowance of 200*l.* a year as one of the preachers at Whitehall.

21. The petition of Thos. Bayley, referred by his Highness to Council, referred to Lambert, Lisle, Strickland, and Sydenham, to report.

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22. The Committee on Sir John Barkstead's report concerning the pina silver delivered to Vyner and Backwell to hasten their report.

23. Order on a letter from John Maidstone about a debt of 12,000*l.* contracted in carrying on the necessary expenses of his Highness' family, to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay him 4,000*l.* towards it out of the money coming from the Spanish prize lately taken and brought into the Thames.

25. The petition of the Earl of Cassilis Lord Burleigh, and Sir John Crawford, referred by his Highness to Council, referred to the Committee of Council for Scotland, to report.

27. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 28 April. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 802–9.]

April . **119.** Instructions by the Navy Commissioners to Capt. Edw. Allen. As the Admiralty Commissioners, on the death of Capt. Thos. Alderne, navy victualler, on 10 April last, appointed us to manage the victualling, and you to observe our instructions, we order—

1. You are to make no payments for victualling except by warrant from us, and to take all your receipts here and from the outports in words, not in figures.
2. You are to receive from us weekly a list of the moneys to be paid that week, and if any come not on the list, to forbear payment till ordered.
4. You are to keep two cash books, and deliver in one to the Accountant-General. [2 *pages, damaged.*]

April . **120–210.** List by Sec. Thurloe of 66 acquittances for moneys paid by his order for public intelligence, from 3 April 1656 to 9 April 1657, total 2,234*l.* 3*s.* [2½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

I. *Receipts for a large number of sums on the above list, and for some moneys not included therein.* [91 *papers.*]

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Paris.

[Col. Bamfield to Sec. Thurloe.] My unhappy condition disables me from serving you as effectually as before. I told you that Lord Balcarres was sent away from Bruges in disgrace and want, but the Queen sent him 2,000 livres. He hopes to make his peace in England.

The Duke of York leaves the Spaniard's affairs and dominions, and goes to live with his sister at the Hague, partly because he is unwilling to act against the French, and is dissatisfied with the King and his minister, but chiefly because he thinks that there will be a breach between the English and the Dutch, and that he may be made admiral, or at least have a good squadron of ships. A match between him and one of the princess dowager's daughters is probable.

His eldest brother proffered the Spanish Council at Brussels that if they would join all the English, Scotch, and Irish in their troops to the body he has already, and add 2,000 horse, he would command them in person; he proposed it as a means to break what forces the English should assist the French with, but they will hardly trust him with an army that would enable him and the Prince of Condé, who are great friends, to give the law to the Spaniards, and thus constrain them to the general peace. If this proposition fails, he resolves to go with the army, to try whether his presence will help to draw the English from the French service, which many are sanguine enough to believe. His youngest brother goes certainly into the field. I hope to tell you of the motions of the Duke of York. There is no ground for the suspicion contracted against 898 [Bamfield?]

Order is taken at Calais for reception of the 6,000 English daily expected. Cols. Lundsford, Donald, Napier, and others of the royal party, some of them Papists, are to have charges amongst the troops that come over under Sir John Reynolds.

To what a condition has my folly brought me! I left the rest of the world to gain you, yet I see the most obnoxious persons of that whole party preferred before me, and am banished my native country and proscribed, whatever side prevails; but I must be patient and wait a change, which I hope will either end my misery or my days. News from France, Germany, and Spain. [3 *pages. Copy, French correspondence.*]

May $\frac{1}{11}$. Paris. Col. John B[amfield to Sec. Thurloe.] I cannot add to the vindications of myself sent to you and Sir John Hobart, being in the dark as to my accusers and their accusations, but if you will hear me, I will clear myself, or be content to lose my life. If I can be heard face to face with Col. Mackworth, I shall appear innocent of what he alleges against me; but there is no defence against this white powder, of which men die without knowing the hand that struck them. I have the same inclination and greater necessity to serve you than before. I beg some charge under Sir John Reynolds, or some employment where your officers could be witnesses, that my fidelity may be judged by my actions, and not by the malicious characters of my enemies. If not, let me go to the Duke of Brandenburg or to Count Waldeck, whom I know; or let me at least serve under Reynolds as a volunteer this summer. Also send me money, that I may pay debts contracted in your service, and redeem things pawned for subsistence. Let me have 3 lines to know your ultimate resolution. [2 *pages, copy, French correspondence.*]

May 1. **1.** William Simpson to his "worthiest Mecænas" [Williamson]. I thank you for your great kindness to me. I came to you inert and dejected, but you brought me to a better mind; instead of a pilgrim I became at home, honoured instead of humbled, rich instead of poor. I wish to compensate your favours by my future diligence and quickness. Let the sun of your kindness shine on me, that I may bring forth fruits worthy of such benefits. [*Latin,* 1 *page. Endorsed by Williamson, "Mr. Whorwood, the father's, letter,*

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delivered 1 May to Mr. Hurst, 2 letters of Mr. Whorwood, the father, dated Jan. 2 and Jan. 16, 1656–7.]

May 2. Approval by the Protector of an order of 28 April. [*I. 77, p.* 809.]

May 4. Scotland Yard. **2.** Col. Rog. Allsop to the Admiralty Commissioners. His Highness having commanded me upon this present expedition, is also pleased to continue me in my employment of marshal-general, with leave to appoint a deputy during my absence. I have appointed Rich. Gerard, Deputy Commissary-General of Musters, and desire you will cause all such money as from time to time is to be paid for the maintenance of the prisoners at Chelsea College to be imprested to him, and accept his receipts and certificates, as also those of Jno. Stainforth, whom he has appointed to assist him. [⅔ *page.*]

May 4. The Essex, Downs. **3.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. We have had very violent southerly winds, but I will send over the Oxford or Wakefield to Dieppe, to bring Sir Edward Mansell to England, if Maj.-Gen. Kelsey and Com. Hatsell shall not order to the contrary, in regard of the urgency of the present intended service. Capt. Allgate has brought in a fly boat from Galloway, Ireland, on suspicion of being prize, as it is laden with wool and hides, the former prohibited goods. Upon examination I find she was bought of a Fleming, and the Irish or English that bought her, being bound to set her Dutch skipper and his company on shore at St. Malo, were going for Rotterdam, having in their passage heard of the war being proclaimed between France and Holland. Particulars of the movements of ships.

I have heard from Capt. Sparling, who, with the rest of the frigates before Ostend, is in good condition, and as he supposes the enemy there through their strength may come out to fight him, he desires another frigate or two may be sent to his assistance. I received a letter by the Virgin of London from Lisbon, from the Council at Lisbon to Secretary Thurloe, and sent it to Maj.-Gen. Kelsey and Com. Hatsell at Dover for quick dispatch. It contains the examination of a Genoese, who came from Cadiz to Lisbon, that he met 15 sail of Holland men-of-war, which had got in betwixt Gen. Blake's fleet and the shore, going into Cadiz, and that they said there were 15 sail more coming to assist the Spaniard against the English, and that the Spaniard had 38 or 40 sail of ships at Cadiz to fight the English. I also hear from Jas. Stephens, master of the Francis of London, that he spoke with the commander of the Ruby off Logus, where there were 6 sail more in his company, but Gen. Blake with the rest of the fleet set sail thence 3 days before, having heard by a private man-of-war that the Spanish Plate Fleet had arrived at the Canaries, and that this man-of-war fought with one of the Spanish ships that had lost her mainmast, but having 3 men slain, was forced to leave her. That there were 15 sail of Hollanders gone into Cadiz, and that the Hollanders had proffered to conduct the Spanish Plate Fleet from the Canaries, or to bring their plate from thence. I think we shall shortly have news either of the taking or destroying of the Plate fleet. [3 *pages.*]

May 4. The Assistance, Ostend. **4.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I gave an account of the Nightingale being sent to the Brill with a convoy, and as there were 18 sail there waiting for a convoy to England, and two of them laden on the State's account, her captain was prevailed on to wait and see them safely over, after which he returned to his station. I hope he may be pardoned for giving convoy without order; I will refuse it in future without your approbation, but it could hardly be refused in this case, without incurring prejudice to the service there. I beg that a ship or two may be added to my squadron, as the enemy are reported to be very strong here, and they are still fitting out more frigates. If they intend to escape by night, they may attempt it very suddenly, but if to force their way by day, they may forbear until our ships are more foul, or some of them gone to tallow, which the Drake must do within a week, having been off the ground 9 weeks, which is 3 weeks longer than any of the enemy's vessels are ever victualled for. The Nightingale will also require more ballast. [1 *page.*]

May 4. **5.** Examination of Wm. Reader, mariner of Poplar. Was informed by Thos. Clements, another mariner belonging to the Essex, and one of the company that brought the Virgin Mary prize to Blackwall, that one of the friars on board informed him there were several bars or ingots of gold and silver of great value hid in private places in that ship, and that Clements gave him so perfect a description of the places of concealment that he believes he can discover them on going on board, provided the ship is unladen; he proffers his service if he may be rewarded in proportion to what is found. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

May $\frac{4}{14}$. Dunkirk. **6.** The Judges of the Dunkirk Admiralty to the [Admiralty Commissioners.] We have spent a year and a half in a treaty about a general exchange of prisoners, and proceeded so far that it remained only to conclude; which however did not take effect, in regard of the difficulty occasioned by a small number of Spaniards taken out of Holland and Zealand ships, and some Walloons taken in their voyage to Spain, before the war, which you would not have comprehended in the exchange. This has given cause to the prisoners on both sides to redouble their complaints, in the continuation of the daily remonstrances of their miseries, being in truth such that they despair, through the apprehension they have of perishing in the end. We should not judge ourselves worthy the name of Christians if we endeavoured not to find out and apply some remedy, and since a general exchange is thought to be most commodious, and is most desired by the poor prisoners, we have thought fit to make a proposal thereof to you, and desire you will condescend to it, out of charity to the poor suffering prisoners. As for ourselves, we shall manifest all readiness to conclude upon such conditions as shall be thought just and honourable, and desire you to declare your intentions freely, that we may know how to conform thereunto. [2 *pages, French.*]

May $\frac{4}{14}$. **7.** Translation of the above. [1 *page.*]

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May 5. **8.** Petition of Nicholas and Thos. Grace, Rich. Fox, John Harrison, and other inhabitants of Desford, co. Leicester, to the Protector, for a brief for a collection in London and Westminster, and other counties, a fire having burnt down their houses, barns, corn, &c., on 3 April last. [1 *page.*]

May 5. Order thereon in Council, on this petition and on a certificate from divers justices of peace of the county, for a patent to be granted in the same sort and manner as directed for the inhabitants of Marlborough. [*I.* 77, *p.* 809.] *Annexing,*

9. *Certificate alluded to, signed by Wm. Haslopp and* 7 *other justices, to the said fire's burning down* 21 *dwelling houses, with goods, barns, stables, stock, &c., and the goods of* 6 *other inhabitants, the value of which is proved by certificates and depositions to be* 2,159*l.* 3*s.* 6*d. Sessions at Leicester Castle,* 7 *April* 1657. [1 *sheet.*]

May 5. **10.** Petition of Thos. Dunne, registrar for receiving appearances in the city of London, to the Privy Council, for payment. On 28 Oct. last, Maj.-Gen. Bridge was ordered to pay 200*l.* in part of 400*l.* due to me 24 June last, but I did not receive it till January, and have received nothing more. [1 *page.*]

May 5. Order thereon for a warrant to the Treasury Commissioner to pay the remaining 200*l.* [*I.* 77, *p.* 813.]

May 5. **11.** Petition of Mary, widow of Lieut.-Col. Chris. Ennis, to the Protector. My husband served through the wars, to the loss of blood and fortune, and lost his life in the service at Jamaica, on which I besought you for his arrears, and you moved your Council, who ordered me 90*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*; but when I came to receive it, 30*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* was abated for my husband's diet, though I can prove that at his going out, he was furnished with his own provisions.

He was never paid 300*l.* (200*l.* of which was out of his own purse) for clothing the soldiers at Newport Pagnell, when in great distress, nor for levying a troop of horse which the late Parliament sent to Ireland under Col. Doyley, he being too ill from wounds to leave his bed.

I beg the arrears without deduction of diet, and a yearly maintenance for myself and child, or a present gratuity. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

11. i. *Certificate by Sam. Luke and* 2 *others, that Major Chris. Ennis raised his whole troop of* 100 *horse, part being taken from the enemy and lawful prize, and received nothing therefor.* 13 *Sept.* 1644. [1 *page.*]

11. ii. *Sydenham Pointz to the Committee for both kingdoms. The gallantry of Ennis and his troop at Shelford binds me to request you to provide them clothes, they having hard duty this cold season. The Major himself, with a squadron of his men, got over the works, and let down the bridge. This will remind you of what the House ordered me and my forces at Rowton Moor. Bingham,* 3 *Nov.* 1645. [1 *page.*]

11. iii. *Certificate by Roger Dixon, surgeon, that Ennis was severely wounded at Newport Pagnell, and hardly escaped death, and is still disabled thereby,* 5 *Jan.* 1653–4. [½ *page.*]

11. iv. *Certificate by Hen. Deane to his gallantry and valour at Newport Pagnell and elsewhere,* 6 *Jan.* 1653–4. [1 *page.*]

11. v. *Like certificate by Wm. Love, late treasurer for Newport Pagnell garrison.* [½ *page.*]

11. vi. *Certificate by Col. Edw. Doyley, that he commanded Ennis' troop for service in Ireland,* 21 *Aug.* 1654. [½ *page.*]

11. vii. *Certificate by Ric. Reed to Ennis' service in preventing Theauco John from entering the Parliament door with his sword drawn, discovering his accomplices, and producing witnesses against him before the Committee for regulating printing,* 3 *Jan.* 1654–5. [⅔ *page.*]

11. viii. *Certificate by Col. Nath. Whetham, late governor of Northampton, to his services at Newport Pagnell, &c.,* 7 *Jan.* 1654–5. [1 *page.*]

11. ix. *Certificate by Wm. York, that Col. Venables commended Ennis to him, in regard of his services and sufferings, for an employment under the judges at Salters' Hall,* 27 *Jan.* 1654–5. [½ *page.*]

11. x. *Like certificate by Wm. Lenthall,* 22 *Feb.* 1654–5. [½ *page.*]

May 5. Reference thereon to Strickland, Sydenham, and the Lord Deputy, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 813.]

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(The orders marked thus * were approved in person.)

1. The book prepared and presented to Council by Sam. Bartlet and Thos. Burgh, Mint officers, and Capt. Hen. Sharpe, containing an account of the prize plate and bullion taken from the Spaniards, and contracted for by Vyner and Backwell, to be transmitted to the Treasury Commissioners, to examine and take order that the money due thereon be answered to the State.

2, 3. Order—on report made on the reference to Scobell and Jessop to consider the cost of printing Moreland's "History of the Protestants in Piedmont"—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Moreland 700*l.* for charge of paper, printing, and cutting maps for 2,000 copies of the said history, he to have the benefit of printing the said history.

4. The petition of Dame Mary Harris, on behalf of her husband, Sir Thos. Harris, Bart., now a prisoner in the Tower, read.

6.* Order on reading a paper from the ambassador from France, that according to his desire, Col. Rutherford have liberty, by beat of drum, to levy 500 Scots to recruit the Scotch guard attending the King of France.

7,* 8.* The 14 friars lately taken in a Spanish ship, and now prisoners at Chelsea College, to be released and allowed to depart over sea, according to the said ambassador's desire. Also Paul

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Linde and John Leroy, of Rochelle, and James Sanson, of Honfleur, who were taken on some Spanish ship returning from the Indies, and are detained at Chelsea College. With orders to Col. Roger Allsop for their liberation and their pass. [*I.* 114, *p.* 75.]

9. To advise an order to Gen. Blake to assist the King of Portugal to defend his coasts against attempts made by the Spaniards at sea; the agent of the King of Portugal to have a copy of the order sent him.

10. To advise his Highness to write to the King of France, by way of mediation, about the difference between him and the United Provinces.

12. 11.* All vessels of what nation soever, attempting to enter Dunkirk or Ostend while besieged by the State's ships, to be stopped, and the Admiralty Commissioners see this observed.

12. Order on a letter from Gen. Blake of April 13, and some papers of intelligence enclosed, that Lambert, Desborow, Montague, Sydenham, and Fiennes form a committee to consult with the Admiralty Commissioners about the matter in debate, and what ships of the first and second rate may best be provided to go to sea, and at what minimum charge, and to report at 4 p.m. to-morrow.

13. Order on a paper of proposals offered by Sir John Reynolds, concerning the 6 new regiments under his command—

(1.) That such proportion of medicaments as the Committee on the proposals order, be provided by the physician for use of the said forces, and the money paid out of Council's contingencies to Mr. Jessop, to give to Reynolds, who is to discount it out of the soldiers' pay, and return it over by bills of exchange, according to the 3rd proposal.

(2.) That the said Committee speak with the officers on the 5th proposal for drawing more soldiers out of the standing regiments, and appointing conductors from their own officers to march them to Dover.

(3.) That the Admiralty Commissioners appoint quickly a fit vessel to transport to the Downs the 3,000 swords provided for Reynolds' forces; also the red coats and shoes when they are ready.

(4.) That the Lord Deputy, Desborow, Sydenham, and Lisle consider the other points of the paper, and give directions therein.

14. On information that Attorney Withers meddles in the affairs of the Post Office, and has appointed postmasters at Ware, Royston, Stamford, Grantham, and Ferrybridge, co. York, on the Northern Road, to ride post and convey letters of intelligence without control:—order that the said postmasters be required to forbear further acting or letting horses contrary to the rules of the office, and that Withers attend a Committee of Council, *viz.*, Jones, Sydenham, Strickland, Montague, Lisle, and Lambert, who are to know the grounds of his proceeding, and report.

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15. Order on report on a petition of Nich. Isaac, and other merchants of London, owners of the Golden Fortune [*see* 3 *Feb.*, 1656-7], that they may employ their ship to the West Indies to trade, on security to the clerks of Council to bring back their returns of goods and bullion to the Port of London.

16. Approval of an augmentation by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 50*l.* to Barth. Ashwood, minister of Axminster, co. Devon, approved by the Committee for Approbation. Approved by the Protector 6 May.

17. Approval of an order of the said Trustees, of 17 Feb. last, for uniting Brighthelmstone and Ovingdeane parishes, both in the rape of Lewes, Sussex. Approved by the Protector 6 May.

18. Lord Deputy, Lambert, Montague, Fiennes, Sydenham, and Wolsley to consider the difference between Sir Ed. Foord and Mr. Hele about their respective patents, to hear both sides, and report.

19. The report from the Committee of Council on Col. Bridge's case to be considered to-morrow.

22. On report from the Committee on American affairs, on a reference made on petition of Jane, relict of Peter Ludby, marshal to Maj.-Gen. Heanes' regiment, and of Jane, relict of Malcolm Mordo, sergeant to Major Barry's company in the same regiment, who both died in the American expedition, and had arrears of 29*l.* 10*s.* and 27*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* respectively due:—Order that Fras. Hodges, treasurer for the said forces, pay the above sums to the petitioners, discounting for provisions according to the usual rate.

24. Order in the Committee of Council on Sir John Reynolds' proposals for sundry particulars embodied in the following letters. Also

That 50*l.* be advanced for providing the regiment medicaments.

That the officers of the foot regiment in town attend this Committee to-morrow at 7 a.m. to consider the 5th proposal.

25. Approval by the Protector of 16 orders, 7-30 April. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 809-816.]

May 5. Whitehall.

The Committee of Council on Sir John Reynolds' proposals to Rob. Bowes. You are to repair to Dover, and assist Maj.-Gen. Kelsey and Capt. Hatsell in stating the accounts of the 6 regiments of foot engaged in the present expedition under Sir John Reynolds, for a month's pay from 27 April, 1657, receiving an account from Mr. Jessop what moneys were advanced to the officers on their pay before leaving London. [*I.* 77, *p.* 814.]

May 5. Whitehall.

The said Committee to Kelsey and Hatsell. We hope you have received the 5,000*l.* sent you to complete the pay of Reynolds' 6 regiments. As to its disposal, his Highness and Council alter your instructions. They are to be paid only 4 days on the muster of 27 April, but afterwards on a muster of 1 May. As they arrive in Dover, they are to be mustered and paid accordingly, and then mustered on shipboard, where they are to be paid the remainder of the month. More officers have been added, and the daily pay is to be—

The Commander-in-chief, 50s. a day raised to - - - - -	£5	0	0
Major General - - - - -	1	0	0
Judge Advocate - - - -	0	8	0
Apothecary - - - - -	0	3	4
Provost-Marshal - - - -	0	5	0
Four men for him at 20*d.* each - -	0	6	8

If the money sent you fall short, you may take up 500*l.* at Dover, and charge it on us by bills of exchange. [*I.* 77, *p.* 815.]

May 5. **14.** Grant by Edw. Bysshe, Garter king at arms, to Thos. Maunder of Cornelly, co. Cornwall, son of Thomas, son of Wm. Maunder of Devonshire, as a crest to his coat of arms, from a wreath argent and gules, a demi lion rampant, crowned, or, with a sword in his dexter paw argent. [*Draft,* 1 *page.*]

May 6. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. To advise an order to pay Capt. Thos. Whitstone, captain of the Phoenix frigate, 200*l.* for his charges in transporting Mr. Meadows to Lisbon; also Mr. Maynard and his family.

15. 2. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Resolution, Naseby, Triumph, and Victory to be furnished for going to sea.

16. 3. Also to consider about altering the stations of ships now at sea guarding the Channel, in order to the strengthening of the squadron before Dunkirk.

4. Sec. Thurloe having received on warrants between 23 June 1653 and May 1, 1657, several sums, *viz.*, from Frost 11,240*l.*, and from Jessop 1,500*l.*, 12,740*l.* in all, for the business of intelligence and other services, which sums he appears to have disbursed faithfully, his Highness orders that he receive full acquittance for the same.

5. Order on report from the Committee on Col. Bridge's case, that the same Committee consider what other way will be fit to relieve the petitioner.

7. The proviso to the order of 13 Nov. 1656, passed in Parliament concerning the Countess of Lauderdale, on petition of the creditors of confiscated persons in Scotland, to be inserted into the order of 30 April last, as follows:—"Provided also that the Countess of Lauderdale have no benefit of the said order, unless within 6 months from May 1st, she release all right and interest in any other lands in Scotland claimed by her as jointure."

8. Approval by the Protector of 3 orders of 4 Sept. 1656, and 3 May 1657. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 817, 818.]

May 7. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the President and Council in Scotland. The inhabitants of the Borough of Dunbar have represented what damage has been caused to the country, from Berwick to Leith, by the demolishing of the harbour of Dunbar in a storm in Dec. 1655, leaving no

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protection for the yearly herring fishery there, which is the only means of livelihood of a great number of people. Although you granted the petitioners some ease in their assessments to encourage them to repair the harbour, yet it has not been sufficient; and they now pray additional help, either out of the excise of the borough, of the Syse of herrings, or in any other fit way. His Highness' Council therefore recommend the case for your public consideration, to remedy the detriment caused. [*I.* 77, *p.* 971.]

May $\frac{8}{18}$. Blois.

17. Edw. Norris to Williamson. On receipt of yours, I sought for our messenger everywhere, but in vain; I believe he is a rogue, for he has a lawsuit, and I am fearful about the money and the gun. Try to send me something; meanwhile perhaps some merchant will supply me. [1 *page, French.*]

May 9. Burton-on-Trent.

18. John Kinsey, Thos. Watts, and Geo. Sargeant, commissioners for surveying, to the Protector. It is too true that there has been great waste of timber in Needwood Forest, the laws neglected, and fines not strictly required. Thus without care, one of the best forests in England will be devastated. Unless a party of horse be quartered near, we cannot preserve it from depredations, nor ourselves from interruption. Neither axebearer, keepers, nor Woodmote Court keep the people under, therefore we beg 12 or 14 horse to lie ready to deter trespassers, who day and night destroy the timber, and defy and threaten all who would control them. It will be a good opportunity, while soldiers are getting in the rents and fines for the Woodmote Court, to grant us an order to keep such a court, call officers to account, and receive moneys, being accountable therefor to the Worcester House Trustees. If you empower us to sell all timber felled without leave, and amerce all who have sold or used any, we could do good service. [1 *page.*]

May 11. The Essex, Downs.

19. Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I sent your letters to the Drake, which had just come out of Dover, and orders to Mr. Wivell, the victualler there, to hasten over a fortnight's provisions to Capt. Plumleigh, though I was then ready to sail from Dover Road towards France, with 300 soldiers on board, and in company with 3 or 4 other ships which had soldiers. I had a good opportunity of landing them, as the other ships had also, and the wind was very favourable, both going and returning, of which Major-Gen. Kelsey and Commissioner Hatsell have no doubt given you a full account.

P.S.—I have intelligence this day that war was proclaimed between France and Holland at Amsterdam 3 days since. [1 *page.*]

May 11. Constant Warwick, Plymouth Sound.

20. Capt. Robt. Vessey to the Navy Commissioners. Since my last of 18th April (giving an account of my captures), I have given convoy to 18 sail from St. Martin's, delivered up my prize to the Prize Officers, tallowed and re-victualled, discharged several useless for able men, and will now sail to my station at the mouth of the Channel. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

May 11. Constant Warwick.

21. Capt. Rob. Vessey to the Admiralty Commissioners. Thanks for your letter. I have made all possible speed to tallow and victual

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and will now hasten to my station, and endeavour to meet with those enemies who so much disturb our trade. [⅓ *page.*]

May 12. Ostend Prison. **22.** Thos. Rutland, master of a Boston hoy, to Hen. Sayers, merchant, Blue Ball, Bread Street, London. I cannot send the names of any of Ostend or Dunkirk who are prisoners in London that I would have exchanged for myself and a boy, as I have no friends and never heard from Baldin Mathewes. They will have two men cleared for me, and there are more of Boston who are prisoners, but they have sent for themselves. Pray get the names of two of Ostend or Dunkirk and send them to me, married men if possible, as then their wives will be helpful, as also a boy for Jno. Bonde. Send the seals to me, and I will send the names to their friends, and may get my release, otherwise I may be detained some time; but the men in England must not be cleared until I am free and appear in London, in person or by letter. If you write to Boston, remember me home. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

22. I. *List by Edw. Sandford, Deputy Marshal, of* 36 *Flemish prisoners in Chelsea College, stating which are married or single, and which boys.* [1 *page.*]

May 12. **23.** Petition of divers poor servants of the late King to the Protector. You know our condition, being old, incapable of any profession, many starved, and others perishing unless relieved. After long attending the Long Parliament, we got ourselves on the list, being inoffensive during the war. We lately petitioned for ½ of a small sum ordered 4 years ago by the Revenue Committee but not paid, and we got your order, but it specifies 2 lists, whereas there is but one general list, amounting to 4,000*l.*, in lieu of which 800*l.* was offered us, which would not have been 2/6 apiece among us, so we could not accept it, and are still suffering unutterably. We beg payment of the remainder. [1 *page.*]

May 12. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 5,000*l.* for Council's contingencies.

4. The pay of the apothecary to Sir John Reynolds' forces to be raised from 3*s.* 4*d.* a day to 4*s.* 4*d.*

6. On an order of Parliament of 24 April last, to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Edw. Birkhead, Serjeant-at-arms, 240*l.* in discharge of a bill for disbursements for serving Parliament and their Committees, and for pay of 14 servants attending the House, from 17 December 1656 to 17 March 1656–7; as also to pay him his own allowance.

7. The Ordnance officers at the Tower to furnish Sir John Reynolds with a tent and a waggon out of the public stores.

8. An order passed 20 Jan. last, for union of the parishes of Euston and Heythorp, co. Oxon, being suspended by his Highness till both parties are heard, on petition of Edm. Meese Goodere, of Heythorp, which was referred to Council, the Committee of Council, to whom the former papers were referred, are to consider the whole

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business this day fortnight, when Goodere is to attend to show his reasons against the union, whereon the Committee are to report. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 818–820.]

May $\frac{12}{22}$. **24.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. At last I have found the gun and the money, but I have had to pay the carriage. Another time, send me a paper signed by the messenger, which shall give me an order to take it up here. [1 *page, French.*]

May 14. Marlow. Thos. Scot to Sir John Reynolds, commander of the English forces in France. I beg you to favour the bearer, and draw him out of a perishing condition, to serve his generation. Had he not mismanaged his talents, he had been fit for most employments. You are now the disposer of his fortune, and may do what my small estate and many children prevent my doing. I hope you will find him industrious and willing. [1½ *pages, copy, French correspondence.*]

May 14. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order that from moneys coming in from vacant livings in Scotland, there be paid 120*l.* to Rob. Rule, minister of Stirling, for past services. Approved 15 May. With letter, 18 May, to the Lord President and Council in Scotland accordingly. [*I.* 77, *p.* 972.]

25. i, ii. *Report on the petition of Jas. Guthrie and Jas. Sympson* [*see* 17 *Feb.* 1656–7] *advising payment of a present sum to Rule, and stoppage of his stipend till both parties be fully heard.* [2 *papers.*]

2. Approval of an order by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, for an augmentation of 20*l.* a year to the minister of Wrighton, Norfolk, being approved by the Committee for Approbation. Approved by the Protector 15 May.

3. On petition of the inhabitants of the chapelry of Attercliffe, in Sheffield parish, West Riding of co. York,—that they are nearly 400 families, and are 2 miles distant from the parish church, whereunto the road is often obstructed by floods; that parochial rights have been granted within the chapel there ever since its erection, and endowment with 10*l.* a year, and they now pray an augmentation to their minister;—order that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers be recommended to settle an augmentation of 40*l.* a year on the chapel. Approved 15 May.

5. On report from the Committee on the petition of the Earl of Cassilis, Lord Burleigh, and Sir John Crawford,—that they and others of Scotland, out of affection to the cause, signed several bonds for the public before 1646, for moneys employed in carrying on the joint interest of both nations, and furnishing their armies sent into England to assist Parliament, which bonds the Scotch Parliament declared to be a public debt, and obliged the Estates thereof for the petitioners' relief, which notwithstanding, their lands and persons are seized and arrested, and they pray his Highness and Council for a like order as given 7 Aug. 1655 on Lord Balmarinsch's petition for debts contracted in 1638–40, *viz.*, to suspend execution on bonds for public

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debts—order that the Scotch Committee learn what debts the petition alludes to, if they are public, and how contracted, and report.

7. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Rich. Lucy, Thos. Manby, John Hildsley, and —— Cox, Judges in the Court for Probate of Wills, 300*l.* each for salary for the year ending 9 May, without fees.

8. The petition of John, Earl of Tweedale, referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

9. The pay of John Morgan as Maj.-General of Sir John Reynolds' forces to be 20*s.* a day. Approved 15 May.

11. Morgan to continue to receive pay as colonel of a regiment in Scotland till further order. Approved 15 May.

12, 13. There having been 1,475 men drawn from 10 regiments named to complete the 6,000 foot for Col. Reynolds' expedition, the Army Committee are to order the War-treasurers to pay such privates as were before May 7 drawn out of their respective regiments what shall complete their pay to 27 April 1657, to which day they are to stand as persons continued by the establishment; also to pay all such of the 1,475 men as have since been drawn from their regiments, according to the proportions mentioned, what will complete their pay to 18 May, to which day they are to stand as persons continued on the establishment. Approved 15 May.

14, 15. Maj.-Gen. Thos. Kelsey and Capt. Hen. Hatsell, out of the money at Dover designed for a month's pay to Reynolds' forces, are to stop 3 weeks' pay, from 27 April 1657 to 18 May, according to the establishment of the forces, for the 1,475 men ordered to be drawn from their respective regiments, towards reimbursing the money ordered on warrants from the Army Committee by the War-treasurers on the Army establishment, for completing their pay to May 18. Also to pay as many of the said 1,475 men as muster a week's pay from 18 to 25 May, according to the establishment. Approved 15 May.

16. There being 40 private soldiers drawn out of Capts. Skipper, Fryer, and Astell's companies, in Lord Lambert's regiment, to go with Sir John Reynolds, and they being at Yarmouth and Beccles, and a month more in arrears of pay than the rest of the regiment in London;—Order for a warrant from the Army Committee to the Treasurers-at-war, to pay them the said month's arrears, for their better encouragement. Approved 15 May.

17. The Worcester House Committee having been ordered to examine the accounts of Dr. Hen. Heyhurst, for services and disbursements as physician to the Northern army, and it appearing by affidavits that his commission, debentures, accounts, &c., were burned by the Scots in 1648, but that there remains due to him, from Oct. 1642 to Jan. 1645–6, 387*l.* salary, and 768*l.* for medicines. —Order that the said Committee give him the debentures ordered 3 July 1656 for lands in Ireland, which are to be as effectual as any other debentures given. Approved 15 May. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 820–824.]

May 15. Approval by the Protector of 11 orders of 14 May. [*I.* 77, *p.* 824.]

May $\frac{15}{25}$. St. Germains-en-Laye. Col. Jo. Bam[field to Sec. Thurloe]. My representations being disregarded, it seems folly to trouble you again, but I am resolved to set my face against this storm, and either reach the port, or sink in pursuance of it. I would have trailed a pike under Sir John Reynolds, but hearing that James Stuart is persuaded (contrary to his promise) to engage against this crown, and command his brother's troops, I suspend my resolution till I inform you, lest my going to your army (with a wish to die honestly rather than to live miserably) might be interpreted as a plot to debauch or betray your soldiers. Let me serve though only as a common soldier, to convince your commander of my fidelity.

I could serve you in the Duke of Brandenburg's Court, where I am well known, if a knowledge of German affairs would be of use to you, and if I had any means of getting thither; but I would rather serve in the condition to which I was bred. News from Poland and Sweden. [2$\frac{2}{3}$ *pages, copy, French correspondence.*]

May 16. **26.** Ja. Borthwicke to Sec. Thurloe. My necessities being great, and you going out of town, I beg an order to Mr. Firbank for a little money. Lord Broghill promised to speak to you about it. Endorsed, with receipt for 4*l.* [1 *page.*]

May 16. London. **27.** Geo. Williamson to his brother Joseph. I have been troubled not to hear from you, and rejoice to find from Mr. Robinson that you are well. When will you return? Our parents and friends are well. My brother Taylor has gone as lieutenant to France. [1 *page.*]

May $\frac{18}{28}$. Dunkirk. **28.** Admiralty Judges of Dunkirk to the Admiralty Commissioners. In our last of the $\frac{4}{14}$th instant, we represented to you the daily complaints of the prisoners in hold here, and to give ease to them, as as well as to ours detained in England, we were inclined to hearken to a general exchange, and to agree upon some just and equitable conditions to the same effect. As we have received no answer, nor understood your mind upon this particular, which causes us to suspect the safe delivery of our letter, we thought it convenient to advance as much as is possible so meritorious a business in itself, by sending a duplicate of our said letter, and to desire you, after you have considered the reasons alleged therein, to let us know your resolution. [1 *page, French.*] *Annexing,*

28. I. *Copy of their letter of* $\frac{4}{14}$ *May.* [1 *page; see p.* 365, *supra.*]

May $\frac{18}{28}$. **29.** Translation of the letter of $\frac{18}{28}$ May. [1 *page.*]

May 19. The Yarmouth, Bay of Wyers. **30.** Capt. Robt. Mackey to the Admiralty Commissioners. Plying off Scilly, I met the John of London from Barbadoes, taken a week before by an Irish man-of-war, but which we retook. We also fell in with a Hollander, freighted with iron and other goods at St. Sebastian's by a Spanish merchant, and bound for Cadiz, as also the Kent, and rescued a Bristol man from a Dunkirk man-of-war of 28 guns, which we chased 8 or 10 hours, but could not come up with. I ordered the Providence to lie off the Cape with the prizes, while myself, with the Kent, plied at sea, where we met the Rainbow and Taunton, who brought a packet from the General for Capt. Stoakes to come to the fleet. Conceiving we might be included therein, we resolved, if we could get no intelligence after 3 days, to break it open; but before that time, the Kent went away with the ships left with the Providence to Lisbon, except the one I took the 1st of May, and afterwards we went to Lisbon, where we found the Kent, but I know nothing further of the Providence, Rainbow, or James, whose staying behind is contrary to order.

I found at Lisbon an order aboard of Capt. Adams, which was left by the General, to follow him to the fleet, as also for all other ships in the service, which I will observe. I have delivered the prizes to Mr. Henison, who produced an order from the General to dispose of them, and to whom I also gave the bill of lading and the examinations. I conceive that I did not prejudice the State by coming to England with my prize, but rather benefit it, in respect of the uncertainty of the weather, and the many enemies plying to and fro upon the coast. I am informed by a negro on board that there is a ship coming from Carthagena bound for the Groyne. [1 *page.*]

May $\frac{20}{30}$. [Paris.] Col. John Bam[field to Sec. Thurloe.] I wrote you a month since, directing to Mat. Bonnell, Thames Street, London, that ambassadors are being sent from here to the Diet in Germany; they wish to oppose the House of Austria, and bring the matter to the sword. It were expedient for you to have some person, public or private, to give you an account of secret designs and public transactions. If you employ a person of quality, let me wait on him; but if you only employ a private person, M. Lamarine could serve you well.

I am going to Calais, to serve under Reynolds, if I may, and if I can have no other employment. Send me your orders there by Wednesday. If you have utterly abandoned me, I will repair to the army, and seek an honest death rather than a miserable life. [2¼ *pages, copy. French correspondence.*]

May $\frac{21}{31}$. Whitehall. [Sec. Thurloe to Ambassador Lockhart.] I am too indisposed to reply to your last. If Lord Falconbridge be at Paris, and you find that he still retains his former intentions, in the most fitting way you can, encourage his coming over to prosecute them. There is great satisfaction here concerning his person and other things. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

May 21. The Assistance, before Ostend. **31.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. The enemies' frigates are now tallowing and refitting with speed, and there are 2 upon the ground, with which it is supposed they intend to endeavour to escape by night, but I will endeavour to prevent it. There are also at Nieuport two sloops newly fitted out as men-of-war, and the ketch may be in danger of being surprised by them, except she be better manned.

I send a copy of a former order, and desire it may be amended by enlarging a little upon the word "stop," and that Ostend may be mentioned instead of Dunkirk, or rather Flanders, as there was a hoy laden with Spanish salt from Middleburg, bound to Ostend, and notwithstanding her papers, I could not be satisfied but that the salt was intended for the enemy, yet my orders did not permit me to stay her; on seeking the advice of the other commanders, and showing them my instructions, they recommended the sending of her back, and not for England.

I have approached nearer to the port, and ordered the ships so as to straighten the enemy more than ever the like number of ships have done before. I am informed that 2 colliers have lately been carried into Flushing by 2 small Dunkirkers, and wish the Tiger would arrive, or some other, as with the addition of 2 or 3 of the small vessels newly built, it would be a hard matter for any ship or vessel to pass in or out of Ostend, and I might then spare a ship to ply between Ostend and the Wellings, without prejudice to the present service, and intercept the passage of some of their prizes going in there. I have sent the Acadie for the Downs to tallow and revictual. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

31. I. *The Admiralty Commissioners to Capt. Sparling. You are to stop all vessels going to Dunkirk, whilst besieged by the State's ships, to join and strengthen the fleet, and not to give convoy unless it can be done without prejudice.* 7 *May* 1657. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

May 22. The Rainbow, off Lagust. **32.** Capt. Jno. Stoakes to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received yours denoting the arrival of the Kent at Plymouth with the Bristol ship, as also your displeasure at my sending her home on so mean an errand; but it was not only that vessel that moved me thereto, but also the merchant ships desiring my assistance, having seen 2 of the enemies' frigates the day before, and it being part of my orders to protect trade. I did not doubt also but the Yarmouth and Providence would have been with me in a day or two, as I ordered them to go no further than the Bay of Wyers, being the full extent of my orders; notwithstanding which the commander of the Yarmouth went on his own head to Lagust to Gen. Blake, who, admiring to see him come without orders, despatched him back; yet in his return, he goes up to the Bay of Wyers, and stays there at his pleasure, with a fair wind, together with the Providence, and instead of coming to the Cape, goes 80 leagues to the southwards for Lisbon; so that for 9 weeks I never saw nor heard of them, although I was never above 6 leagues from my station. I hope some strict course will be taken with them, lest others, by your clemency, do the like, which is not only too common, but dangerous; and although one has brought home a prize, it does not in the least mitigate his offence.

By intelligence received from the Spaniards, the fleet destroyed by General Blake at St. Cruz were twice at sea to come for the Groyne in the absence of these 2 frigates, which, if Providence had permitted, the effect might have proved very sad. On the 9th Gen. Blake sent for us to Cascaes, and I am now with him, as also the James and the ketch. [1½ *pages.*]

May 22. **33.** Petition of Sam Windis, late victualler of the State's ships at Chester and Liverpool, to the Admiralty Commissioners. When the Scotch King came to England, I was ordered to victual

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and man all the ships in Chester and Liverpool, to prevent a conjunction between him and the Earl of Derby, and the Council of State ordered the Navy Commissioners to reimburse me. There are large sums due to me and others on that account, and yet I stand charged with exchanges drawn for that service.

Gen. Monk ordered Chas. Walley to hire a vessel to convey victuals to the Hare pink in Scotland; Walley imposed the service on me, and I drew a bill for it, which is charged to me as an imprest, though there is money due to the poor man for that service, and he is in prison for debt.

There was 490*l.* impressed to Phil. Evatt, my deputy check of the Primrose, who contracted with Col. Rob. Lilburne at the usual allowance of 9*d.* a day per man. I beg that I may have this allowance, the treasurer calling on me to pay the imprest. I was bound in 600*l.* to provide victuals for 400 men for 6 months for Col. Pride's company, which were never taken off my hands. I am out 225*l.* 15*s.*, and have had promises of relief 2 years, yet nothing done, and no employment. I have a wife and 6 children, whom I have three times removed from London to Liverpool, in order to my constrained intended planting in Ireland, amongst wolves and Tories, having spent my estate in hopes of satisfaction. I beg relief. [1 *sheet.*]

May 22. **34.** Reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners, to consider the sums due for hire of the vessel sent to the Hare pink and for the Primrose's victuals, perfect his account, and certify. [½ *page.*]

May 22. **35.** Petition of the inhabitants of Old Parish Garden, St. Saviour's, Southwark, to the Protector. For 220 years we have enjoyed a waste ground and highway from the Falcon on the Bankside to St. George's Fields, and from the Falcon to Lambeth, &c., both in the time of the late Earl of Arundel and other lords of the demesne. But Wm. Angel has lately purchased it, built some cottages, and will build more, damming up the sewers, and bringing in many poor, to the undoing of the ancient inhabitants, who cannot keep their now poor. Also the new buildings will bring infection by taking away the air from our houses. Also he has stopped up most of the highway, and cut down ancient trees thereon, and barred us from getting water either for our households or for quenching fire. We beg the prevention of further building. With holograph reference thereon by the Protector to Council, desiring a speedy hearing of the petitioners. [1 *sheet*, 37 *signatures*, 7 *being by mark.*]

$\frac{\text{May 24.}}{\text{June 3.}}$ Col. John Bam[field to Sec. Thurloe.] You will have good intelligence from here, through those who have undone me to make way for their credit. The siege of Cambray is raised. Marshal de Gramont is going to Germany in 12 days with a great equipage. If you would send me with him, I could tell you all passages at the Diet, and the temper and designs of the princes, for I know the Duke of Brandenburg, the Prince Elector, and Prince Rupert, and could give you no ill information. I would conceal my correspondence with you, and only pretend that, having quitted the Royal interest, and not being well with the present Government in England, I wished to see Germany, and to seek employment in the wars there.

I have changed my idea of going to Calais, on account of the army's removal. Unless you write at once, I shall lose the chance of going with M. de Gramont. I want an appointment that shall give me subsistence, and free me from the suspicions Sir Wm. Lockhart has contracted against me. [1⅓ *pages, copy, French correspondence.*]

May 25. / June 4. Dunkirk. **36.** Admiralty Judges of Dunkirk to the Admiralty Commissioners. We received yours of the 21st ult., and thereby understood that you do not find it reasonable to admit of a general exchange of prisoners on both sides, by reason of the present juncture of time, which you say to be differing from that which was heretofore, when we treated to conclude a general exchange. To this we answer that we are willing to confess that the number of ours in England exceeds that of yours here at present, but the fortune of arms goes on daily, and we can easily equal the one with the other through the detention of the English and Scotch prisoners which the ships of war belonging to this Admiralty carry to the ports of Spain, who hitherto have been released as soon as they were brought in there, on hope of meeting with the like civility and commiseration.

We conceive that this difference ought not to retard so favourable and Christian a work, yea though it be to no other end than to preserve for the time to come from the miseries of a prison all those of your men who shall be taken and brought into any port of Spain, whom we shall be obliged to detain till a general exchange or some other resolution, to the great desolation of these afflicted and miserable creatures, which we believe you will take into consideration, and, to provide against it, hearken to the exchange proposed by us. For the furthering thereof we are contented to release all yours who remain here at present, or are taken hereafter, and brought by our ships, either into Spain or these parts, till they shall equal the number of ours which shall be released by virtue of this exchange. [2 *pages, French.*]

May 25. / June 4. **37.** Translation of the above. [1 *page.*]

May 25. The Assistance, Ostend, **38.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. On the 24th inst., a small fisher boat came from Ostend, with a letter from two of the Lords of the States of Holland, who were sent from Amsterdam to Ostend overland to buy the ship formerly belonging to them, though lately rigged and ready to set sail upon the enemy's account. But seeing they cannot now get out by force, nor steal out in the night, they must of necessity either sell or use some juggling trick to get her out. The messenger said that they intend to come into Ostend with a small hoy of cordage to rig the said ship, after which they are to sail with her for Amsterdam, and that the Lords thought it convenient to acquaint me therewith, to the end they might prevent being intercepted and troubled, either going in or out. To this I answered that their acquainting me with their intentions could produce little advantage, as I was obliged to a punctual observance of orders; and that their request being opposite to what was already given me, I could only direct them to his Highness the Lord Protector, or the Commissioners appointed for carrying on the affairs at sea, from whom, if they could procure anything that might take off

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May 25. any part of what is already commanded me, I should gladly observe it; but in the meantime I desired them to forbear. To this the messenger said that the Lords did not look upon the business to be of such concernment as to require any further trouble than only to acquaint me, neither did they imagine to meet with any opposition, except by coming unexpectedly, without giving me notice thereof; upon this I promised to enclose their letter, and to endeavour a speedy receipt of your pleasure, which I desire and expect.

You know that I have nothing to warrant my intercepting their passage in or out of any part of Flanders except Dunkirk, instead of which if the words "any part of Flanders" had been added Ostend had been comprehended, and Dunkirk not exempted. This I look upon as a mistake, but my apprehending it so will not warrant my acting in such a case as this is, in which the correspondence of nations is concerned. Therefore I humbly beg that you will speed away my instructions. We are in such extraordinary want of a ketch, that in case it should not stand with your pleasure to grant it, we must of necessity spare one of the frigates to fetch water for the squadron, and how inconvenient that will be I leave to you to consider. [1 *page Enclosing,*

38. I. *Three Lords of the States of Holland to the commander of the English squadron about Dunkirk. Being arrived here on commission of the Lords of the Council of the Admiralty residing in Amsterdam, to receive a man-of-war of the State of the United Provinces appertaining to the said Admiralty, called the Pheasant, which a year ago was overcome by twelve frigates of Dunkirk about the Maas and brought up here, for having defended certain English merchant ships in her company; yet being at last, by order of the Prince Don John of Austria, discharged, we find the said ship destitute of sundry necessaries, and besides the Captain Islerant de Vries, bearer hereof, and some few mariners, whom we caused to come hither from Zealand by the inner passage, we shall have need to send for* 25 *or* 30 *mariners more out of Zealand, with some provision for their sustenance, to convoy the ship to the Texel.*

Now since the said mariners and provisions cannot be brought hitherwards the most convenient way by sea, nor the said ship brought forth from hence withont your permission, as keeping the road, beset by men-of-war of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, according to the orders of his Highness the Lord Protector Cromwell, we thought it expedient to dispatch the aforesaid Captain de Vries to request your consent thereto, not doubting but you will be disposed thereunto, with that discretion and readiness which the friendship and alliance between both States require, and which would be performed on our side on the least occasion.

Pray return a few lines in answer to this for our direction, and we shall order that the aforesaid ship coming *forth, the said captain, as also the boat or vessel to be sent for out of Zealand with men and necessaries, shall come and present themselves to you and salute you, and be duly visited, to the end that you may be fully assured concerning the true condition of the aforesaid business. Ostend,* $\frac{23\ May}{2\ June}$. [*Dutch,* 1½ *pages.*]

38. II. *Translation of the above.* [1½ *pages.*]

May 25. Yarmouth. **39.** Thos. Gooch and Thos. Bendish, bailiffs of Yarmouth, to the Admiralty Commissioners. We were informed by Major Burton that Capt. Robinson of the Preston in the North Seas having then but 10 weeks' provisions, you would either send him a recruit, or another ship to relieve him; as it is now 6 weeks since he sailed, he cannot stay above 10 or 14 days longer at sea. We have since heard from him by 3 fishermen that his bread was for the most part mouldy, and that most of the fleet had not yet got half their voyage; this make us bold to remind you of it, for if some speedy course is not taken, the whole fleet, for want thereof, will be forced to come out of the sea with him, to the loss of all the profit of their voyage, which is their hope and the only hope of many hundreds of Yarmouth and parts adjacent, who have nothing else to sustain themselves and families all this summer. Major Burton also advised that you promised to send another ship to assist Capt. Thompson at Iceland, and so homeward; the time draws near, and the fleet there of 60 sail are too many for one ship, though no better than Capt. Thompson could be found to defend them in these dangerous times. We beg to represent the condition of both fleets, and beseech you to take such care of them, as their necessities, the concernment of these parts, and of the nation in general demands.

Last week 2 Dunkirk men-of-war, of 8 guns each, took 2 small vessels out of a light fleet bound for Newcastle, off the Spurn, and Capt. Wilkinson, hearing thereof, after he had convoyed several vessels into the Humber, made after them; the enemy stayed for him, but sent their prizes away; and after fighting with him for 3 hours, night coming on, they ran away after their prizes. As they have since taken 2 other vessels of Cromer, we think another ship of 24 or 26 guns should be appointed to ply between Winterton Ness and the Spurn, to secure the Newcastle trade. [1 *page.*]

May 25. The Essex, Downs. **40.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. When Capt. Littlejohn comes down to take the master's charge of the London, I will send as many seamen with Mr. Carslate in the Nonsuch as can be spared from the frigates in the Downs, from which 105 have already been taken. I hope they may not be put to any loss of time, which often occurs, and makes them the more unwilling to go from ship to ship, but that they may be entered on board the Resolution from the time of their discharge from their respective frigates.

Upon the arrival of Capt. Newberry, I will observe your directions touching the guns of his frigate; I will also detain John

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Morgan, on the coming in of the Dover, to be gunner of the Gloucester, and put 20 more seamen upon the ketch attending on the London from the same ship, for her better security in calling in the Phoenix and Oxford. I sent the Phoenix to transport Lord Wm. Cavendish to Calais or Dieppe, and the Oxford to waft over the Hon. Fras. Boyle to Holland.

Capt. Whitstone met 2 Holland men-of-war, who were very submissive and courteous in saluting. Very few men have been pressed at present, but Capt. Whitstone has sent 20 on board the Nonsuch, and others may be taken out of the squadron. I will send Mr. Carslate away with those obtained to morrow, for the more speedy getting out of the Resolution.

Although Capt. Littlejohn, master of the London, has not yet come, there are 3 men of Deal named Pearce, Pie, and Peache, who are able to go as masters of any of the State's ships, and were all in the Dutch war. The Convert has gone as convoy to a hoy laden with shoes, coats, swords, and belts for the forces transported to France, and the Tiger passed through with soldiers on board from Yarmouth. Particulars of ships. I hear from Capt. Plumleigh that all the frigates before Dunkirk are in good condition, and the commanders of the two squadrons will appoint each of them a small frigate to lie before Nieuport, to annoy the enemies' fishing trade, being sensible of the prejudice that will accrue to them thereby. Many of the ships there, however, being nearly out of provisions, I want orders therein, as also as to the disposal of the Adventure.

I hear there are 70 sail of Hollanders ready to put to sea, and have therefore sent to Capt. Sparling to order a nimble frigate to ply eastward of him, and to have a watchful eye over their motions, and if they come this way, to give me a speedy account.

If they should intend perfidiously to affront this Commonwealth, they would very quickly overpower the frigates on the coast of Flanders. I will be ready with the Essex or any others that shall come into the Downs, for any emergency; the Essex would be more serviceable if she were cleaned and refitted; if the others with the Torrington come in to night, I hope to make up over 200 men. Let Capt. Rooth of the Dartmouth be ordered up the river, and paid off. [3 *pages.*]

May 25. **41.** Examinations of Edw. Atkins, and 5 others, before Thos. White, mayor of Dover, respecting the embezzlement of goods out of the Virgin Mary, a Spanish prize, by Mr. Leomond and Mr. Cracknell, waiters, while being convoyed up to London from the Downs by a ketch commanded by Capt. Reader, and as to Leomond and Cracknell bribing the examinants with 40*s.* each to keep silence. [4 *pages.*]

May 25. The Preston, Firth. **42.** Capt. Robt. Robinson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have regained a bark of Orkney, bound for Leith with barley, which was taken by an Ostender of 6 guns that is in these parts, with several others, as the 5 prisoners on board allege. I would have sent her in but the fishing fleet is now getting in a great store of fish, after a bad voyage, and being in full motion, and going northward, I durst not trust the Sparrow from us. I have not seen any of the enemies' men-of-war, but heard of many. The prisoners say that 9 have come out from Ostend [1 *page.*]

May 26. The Assistance, Ostend. **43.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. The arrival of these 2 small vessels struck such fear into the Nieuport fishermen, that they have proposed terms which those who understand the difference between their fishing and ours think will be accepted. I have answered so far as, after conferring with the rest of the commanders, to grant them 7 days' fishing. As there are at present 4 frigates in port, ready to take the first opportunity to make their escape, it is necessary to employ all the squadron to watch their motions, and as not one could be spared at present to force them to take the sails from the yards, as we did before, and thus hinder their fishing at Nieuport, they could fish as well without the permission as with it. Upon the return from Dover of Capt. Henfield of the Acadie, who has often scared, but never could take one of them, I have promised the commander of the squadron before Dunkirk to send him, with one or two others, to oppose them, provided their terms are not accepted, and order is not sent to the contrary. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

43. I. *Peter Dolman to the General of the English navy before Ostend. On the earnest request of the fishermen of Nieuport, I beg you will permit them the ordinary freedom of fishing, till they receive a hopeful answer from those of Yarmouth, according to letters sent some days ago from the Admiralty of Dunkirk, about a friendly agreement on both sides, as they have with the French, to the great satisfaction of those of Yarmouth, and other fishing places.*

As our fishermen expect a happy agreement in a few days, they beg freedom of fishing in the interim, without molestation from your vessels before Ostend or Dunkirk, and they will present you with a small gift of 50 "pattacoutts." Cloister of English Carthusians, Nieuport, $\frac{24\ May}{3\ June}$ 1657. [1 *page.*]

May 26. **44.** Petition of Rich. Byfield, minister, and 6 godly inhabitants of Long Ditton, Surrey, to the Protector and Council. In 1641 and 1642, had a brief for collecting money in London and 6 counties for building their church, and part of the money has been 12 years in Sir Thos. Evelyn's hands, without account. No care being taken of the church, it fell down 7 years ago, the materials are much spoiled by exposure, and Byfield suffered much in his work until the granting of Thames Ditton public meeting place, till Long Ditton is rebuilt. He still suffers by the siding with a prelatical minister, Sir T. Evelyn's household chaplain, and by the concourse of those of both parishes, and some from Kingston, who are potent against the power of godliness, which concourse continues, even since his Highness "gave his godly and melting advice;" know not

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the consequence of such meetings as "the prelatical party is the most numerous, dissatisfied, closely working, though complying."

Beg an order for the speedy building of their church; for accounts of the brief money, and materials carried away, and for the laying of a land rate for further moneys. Beg that Shadrach Brice, J. P. and Obadiah Weekes, both of Kingston, may attend to these things, and see that the church is not built in the old superstitious way of chancel church, and church porch, but in one entire room. Also that the said concourse may be suppressed. [1 *sheet.*]

May 26. Reference thereon to the Lord Deputy, Pickering, Mulgrave, Skippon, Jones, and Lambert, to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 826.]

May 26. **45.** Petition of Edw. Randall, of Enfield, Middlesex, to the Protector. I have long prayed for you, and looked on your deliverances in battle as the return of my prayers. Being constable for Enfield, I was ordered by Maj.-Gen. Barkstead to return the names of all delinquents. Capt. [Edw.] Story, who had sent a letter and money to the King's party in Colchester, employed Edw. Knevett, of Enfield, to offer me 30*l.* or 40*l.* to buy off his accusation. I told Barkstead, who bade me take the money, as it would be more full evidence against Story, for he had a large estate, and only one witness against him. I advised Story not to pay the money unless guilty, because it would be a witness against him, but he paid it to ensure me and Knevett, and he bound us over to appear at the sessions as trepanners. We petitioned you, and you referred the case to the Major-General and Commissioners, but Story declined to proceed before them, and prosecuted us at the Middlesex Quarter Sessions. There Capt. Methall, the witness against Story, could not be found; he told his own tale, and we were fined 20 nobles, which Knevett being unable to pay, he still lies in prison. I hear there are 6 or 7 more writs out against me for performing my duty, so that I cannot attend to my business, and shall be ruined, having spent 20*l.* in my own defence. I beg freedom from these suits, repayment of my own fine, and discharge of Knevett. Certified as true by Sir John Barkstead, 12 June 1657. [1 *sheet.*]

May 26. Reference thereon in Council to any 3 of the Council to report. [*I.* 77, *p.* 827.]

May. 26. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 3,000*l.* for Council's contingencies.

3. Order on a resolution of Parliament of 14 Feb., recommending Council to satisfy the bill of 74*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* of Edw. Birkead, serjeant-at-arms, for keeping John Strangers and Hannah, his wife, Martha Symonds, and Dorcas Erbury, to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the money accordingly.

4. As Parliament on 15 May requested his Highness to take care for payment of 2,591*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, due to Sam. Vassall, with interest, and he referred it to Council—order that 1,000*l.* be paid him from the moneys arising on the late Spanish prize, and a warrant issued accordingly.

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5. Barth. Beale, auditor of imprest, to audit the said account, and certify thereon to Council. *Annexing,*

> **46.** *Report by Aud. Barth. Beale, that the account of Sam. Vassall for* 2,591*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, *with interest from the time the debt was charged by Parliament on the Excise, deducting payments, is* 4,236*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* 2 *June* 1657. [1½ *pages.*]

8. The Lord Deputy, Lambert, Pickering, Skippon, Strickland, Mulgrave, and Jones, to consider what is now proposed concerning money payable for forces in Ireland on a Privy Seal for 92,616*l.* 5*s.* 10½*d.* out of the Treasury, and an order of 19 March suspending all payments thereon till 1 Oct. next, and to report.

10. Order on the petition of Phil. Hallenberch, and the tapestry workmen at Mortlake, that the petitioners design the story of Abraham, or the triumphs of Cæsar, or both, as his Highness shall direct, Mr. Clyve being spoken to thereon, provided that the charge do not exceed 150*l.*, and that the design be only used as his Highness shall appoint.

11. The petition of Elias Batchiler, citizen and merchant tailor of London, heretofore captain of foot under the Earl of Manchester, for himself, the city of London, and the safety of his Highness' person, which has been endangered by Sir James Turner, referred to any 3 of Council, to examine and report.

13. A return from Col. Bright and others, on an order to view the defects of Hull garrison, and the enclosed survey, to be considered on Thursday.

14. Order on a return of his Highness' order of 7 April 1657, for the sheriffs of co. Durham to examine the business concerning Joshua French, one of the county troop of Durham, showing how French, when on duty, was assailed by Thomas and Wm. Morley, and afterwards prosecuted by them, that the Morleys attend Council forthwith, to answer the charges against them.

15. Jones, Strickland, Lisle, Pickering, Montague, and Mulgrave, to consider what is now proposed concerning an assignment of 350*l.* from the Countess of Ancram to Dr. Wilkinson, and to report.

17. John Hildesley, Rich. Lucy, and Fras. Bacon added to the Committee, appointed 16 Dec. 1656, on the estate of Wm. Toomes, *felo de se.*

18, 19. The reports from the Committee on the petitions of Margaret, relict of Col. John Venn, and of Rich. Eccleston, and James Rand, for some persons desirous of the good of this nation, to be considered next Thursday.

20. The petition of his Highness' clerks of the Signet and Privy Seal referred to Lambert, Jones, Montague, and Strickland, to report.

22. Whereas the 40,000*l.* fine on donatives in Scotland was to be paid, ½ on 1 June, and ½ on 1 Oct. 1657,—order that, out of unpaid fines in Scotland, and out of the balance of the 40,000*l.* after payment to those who have donatives or are

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purchasers, 4,000*l.* be paid to Col. Tim. Wilkes, for carrying on the citadel now erecting at Leith, and the Council in Scotland to take order accordingly.

24. A paper from Lord Nieuport to his Highness,—concerning the Morning Star of Amsterdam, alleged to have been seized at sea by an English ship, under Capt. Baker, and carried to Milford Haven, when on her way from Sta. Cruz in the Canaries, to Amsterdam, laden with goods belonging to her owners in Amsterdam, and partly with some laden by a Genoa merchant, whom they carried as a passenger;—referred to the Admiralty Judges, to learn the truth, and report. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 825–830.]

May. 26. / June 7. Paris.

[Amb. Lockhart to Sec. Thurloe.] I waited last night on the gentleman [Lord Falconbridge] and told him the advantage his pretensions might receive from his own addresses to the person principally concerned, and assured him of a good reception from the nearest relations. He professed much zeal in the business, but said he expected a clearer invitation, and asked my authority for encouraging him. I said that in these cases custom settled rules of modesty, which straitened my liberty, and I feared I had gone too far when I assured him of welcome, and left the rest to his own merit and application.

I left him disposed to return, but am to receive his decision to-day or to-morrow; I will send it next post. Do not attribute his not answering at once in an affair of that importance to a want of readiness for the thing. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

May 27. The Reserve, Dunkirk Road.

47. Capt. Robt. Plumleigh to the Admiralty Commissioners. Capt. Foote, of the Mermaid, being in Mardike Pitts, forced ashore a double sloop belonging to Dunkirk, having 3 guns and 30 men, which was destroyed, but her men gained the shore before the boats could get near them. The only action this station affords at present is to prevent the enemy from fishing. I have lately taken 2 small fishing boats, but no men. I proposed to Capt. Sparling for one of the new vessels with him to join with another of this squadron to lie before Nieuport, to prevent their fishing thereabouts, which is of great concernment for the relief of the enemy, and without which they would be miserable; but I am informed that Capt. Sparling has given a toleration for them to fish for 7 days. I am resolved not to allow it until I receive your Honors' commands. The enemy have 3 small men-of-war ready to sail, but dare not attempt to come forth. I have lately destroyed one of their prizes taken from the French going into Dunkirk, and my seamen had a pleasant skirmish with their horsemen on the Splinter, but without any loss on our side. I send the names of 7 of the squadron in Dunkirk Roads, and of 2 in Mardike Pitts, as also an account of their victuals. I have sent to the commander-in-chief in the Downs about a supply. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

47. i. *Account of the length of time which the 8 ships of the Dunkirk squadron have been off the ground, and for which they are still victualled.* [¾ *page.*]

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May 27. Order in Parliament that next Wednesday, June 3rd, be set apart for a day of public thanksgiving in London and Westminster, for God's marvellous goodness in preserving the fleet in their late action at Santa Cruz, under General Blake, and giving them success against the ships of the King of Spain. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

I. *Narrative of the action at Santa Cruz, on the island of Teneriffe. After spending several days at Cadiz, and not finding the enemy forward to come forth, it was decided to go to Santa Cruz, where we arrived on* 20 *April, and found that the West India fleet was in the harbour,* 5 *or* 6 *galleons,* 3 *being flag ships, and* 16 *others, some laden for and some from the Indies, having brass ordnance and their full complement of men. We resolved to attack them, though they were moored close along the shore, which was lined with musketeers, and commanded by the castle and* 6 *or* 7 *forts. Yet in* 4 *hours they were beaten, and all the ships driven ashore, except the Admiral and Vice-Admiral, which resisted most, but by* 2 *p.m. one was fired and the other blown up, and by evening all the rest were fired, except* 2 *that were sunk, and only their masts appeared above water.*

To complete the mercy, our own ships got off well, though some were maimed and had to be warped off, and the wind blew right into the bay, and the forts and castle continued to play upon us.

We had only 50 *slain and* 120 *wounded, and our ships so soon repaired that in* 2 *days we sailed to our former station near St. Mary's, where we arrived* 2 *May. To God be all the glory. With names of* 17 *commanders of Spanish ships,* 5 *of which were burned in Santa Cruz harbour,* 20 *April* 1657. [4 *pages.*]

May 28. Order in Parliament that this narrative be printed and published, with the order for the day of thanksgiving. [*All printed. Vol. II. No.* 118, *Collection of Acts, Rec. Off. Library,* 498 *French.*]

May 29. The Lily, before Ostend. **48.** Capt. John Pearce to Col. Jno. Clerke. After transporting the soldiers, I proceeded to Capt. Thos. Sparling, before Ostend, by order of Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, but as my ship is much under-masted, I hope she will be fitted proportionately, and thus made a good sailer. There is little news save that 20 boats belonging to Nieuport, and 14 from Blackenburg, are allowed to fish about Ostend. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

May 29. The Assistance, before Ostend. **49.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have received your order to send ships into port to tallow and revictual, without further trouble; but being so short of frigates, I cannot spare more than one at a time, although I am in extreme want of clean ships, as the enemy have fitted and tallowed another within these two days, so that there are now five ready to go by us in the night if possible; if they accomplish this, it will be for want of clean frigates to pursue them.

As things are now ordered, it will be impossible for any of their considerable frigates to get out in any reasonable weather without some of ours seeing them, if I am able to continue my present number; but if forced to send any away to clean before others arrive, I shall be incapable of knowing what passes out, and yet it would be very hard to get in. Eight ships, with the help of two boats, will just fill my line as a half-moon, and at such a distance from each other that it will be impossible for any ship to pass in or out during ordinary weather, and not be discovered by one ship or the other; yet it is possible for them to make their escape, if we do not keep the greater part of our frigates very clean. If they attempt getting out, it will be when they are newly tallowed; and if they do not do it within 3 or 4 days, they will take their sails from the yards, and give over their tallowing as lost, as they did once before.

The Tiger having returned, I have sent the Bramble to Dover to tallow and revictual, and will send the greater ships to Harwich, as they become foul.

I hope you will hasten your reply to the letter sent from the States of Holland; I am much troubled that your pleasure touching any business is so long in coming. [1¼ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

49. I. *List of his 9 ships, with particulars of the time they have been at sea, and when their provisions will end.* [¾ *page.*]

May 29. The Essex, Downs. **50.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I ordered Wivell, the victualler at Dover, to send 14 days' provisions to Capt. Plumleigh of the Reserve, under convoy of the Wakefield and Dover, and will order a month's for Capt. Haddock, who will sail for Dunkirk with all speed. I hear the Mermaid forced on shore to the west of Gravelines, one of the enemies' men-of-war having 3 guns and 30 men; it was destroyed, but the men got safe to land; there are 3 more within the Heads, waiting an opportunity to escape, but all care will be taken to prevent it.

I have desired Commissioner Pett, at Chatham, to send the Eaglet ketch to convoy a vessel laden with cables for Portsmouth, and for Capt. Reader to carry two long boats to Chatham, and then get orders for cleaning. The Torrington has arrived, having landed Major-Gen. Morgan and other army officers in France, and brought back Capt. Compton; the Oxford has also returned, having set the Honble. Fras. Boyle on shore at Helvoetsluys, where Capt. Algate reports there are 8 frigates fitting out; there are also 5 new ones at Rotterdam, the least having 50 guns, and the drums have beat up there these 14 days for Admiral Opdam, who is first to be manned, but there is little appearance of men; it is said they are all bound for the Straits.

Van Tromp has gone westward, with 6 or 7 sail, and 20 sail of Hollanders have also gone that way within this month. Particulars of the arrival and departure of ships, and names of 9 now in the Downs. The Cornelius and Beaver should be appointed to take a man out of each smack that comes from the River to the North Foreland to fetch fish, whereby 50 men may soon be gained.

I am glad to hear the news of the good success of the ships with General Blake, which I anticipated when I heard they had gone that way. [2 *pages.*]

May 30. Oxford. **51.** Testimonial in favour of Rich. Witt, B.A., registrar in the Chancellor's Court of the University for 6 years, as able, well affected, and fit for any such employment. Signed by Vice-Chancellor Dr. John Owen, Assistant Vice-Chancellor Rich. Zouche, and John Wilkins; addressed to William King, Middle Temple. With note that a person not named deserves an augmentation or some encouragement in his studies. [1¼ *pages.*]

May 31. The Constant Warwick, off St. Martin's Island. **52.** Capt. Robt. Vessey to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have been cruising with the Griffin since the 19th instant, between Ushant and Belle Isle; I chased a Biscaneer on shore, and on getting her off with the boats, found she had 3 guns and 40 men. The following Wednesday, I, with Capt. Taylor and the prize, being in chase of another Spaniard, we espied 2 ships engaged together off Belle Isle, so leaving Capt. Taylor and the prize to follow up their chase, I made up to them, but night coming on, I lost them; at 3 the next morning I took one of them, which proved to be a French man-of-war, of 6 guns and 3 murderers, which had been taken by the other of 16 guns from St. Sebastian's, so that the possession of his prize was but short; I shall not be wanting in trying to get him; the one the Griffin followed got away.

We are now together with the two prizes, which we shall leave at St. Martin's until we have cruised about for 6 or 8 days, and then call for them, and make for Plymouth. We hear that several English merchantmen have been engaged with and taken, and that several Spaniards from St. Sebastian's, having from 16 to 36 guns each, are in this bay; I will endeavour to meet and cut them off, as being very detrimental to our merchant ships. [1 *page.*]

May 31. The Advice, Bridlington Bay. **53.** Capt. Fras. Allen to the Admiralty Commissioners. I came from Dundee on the 29th ult., with 3 ships bound for the Sound, and 9 laden for Hull, Bridlington, Newcastle, and Scotland; but it blowing hard, I stood over for the coast of Norway, and had to take one in tow; another laden with flax, not keeping close, was boarded by 2 small men-of-war. Hearing the guns, I cast off my tow, and made sail; Capt. Powell of the Portland, being between me and the shore, likewise made sail, and in a little time, we came up and retook him, Capt. Powell being first up by reason of my ship being so long off the ground, so he took the prisoners on board.

In the interim, another man-of-war of 8 guns came in amongst the rear of my fleet, and took another, whereupon I left Capt. Powell with the one retaken, and plied after him, and after 5 hours, retook him also, but the man-of-war got away with the master, although I have brought home the skipper. Capt. Powell's and my fleet consisted of 58 sail, and to secure them from the enemy, we were forced to go into harbour with them. We parted fleets on 28 May, 40 leagues from the Naze of Norway, and I arrived within the Head to-day, and after leaving the Hull ships, plied up with the

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rest to the Bay, where they now ride. Having only 7 days' provisions, and being detained by the wind, I want an order to clean and revictual at the Humber. [1 *page.*]

May ? Col. Jo. Bamfield to Sir John Hobart, Bart., Queen's Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London. I am confident Sir John Reynolds will join you in anything you move in my behalf, either to his Highness or Mr. Secretary. I want but employment under Sir John. Beg Mr. Secretary to answer my letters, that I may know what to trust to. [*Scrap; copy, French correspondence.*]

May ? **54.** ——— to Lord Conway? I was much consoled by your letter of November, thus receiving a mark of your friendship after a silence of so many years, which had made me fear something had happened you, considering the distance and many changes. I the more rejoice to find that Monsieur is in good condition, and that you remember our ancient friendship. I waited to reply till I could see what course the government of your country would take, and whether the Protector would accept royalty, that I might congratulate you on the new form. But I find that he has entirely refused to accept the royal dignity. I marvel at his modesty, but think your republic so much the better established. [*French,* 1 *page.*]

May ? **55.** Edw. Norris to Williamson. By the enclosed from England I hear that the wife of Lord Lindsey is lately dead, and was buried in Westminster Abbey.* My brother Francis, the hope of Winchester, is seized with a dead palsy, and my brother William extremely ill. Mr. Whorwood is almost unknown to me, it is so long since I heard from him. Tell me the address for my letters in England. [1 *page, French.*]

May ? **56.** Edw. Norris to Williamson, Saumur. I wish I could merit your good opinion, and would do anything to serve you. The King has forbidden the wearing of 80 ells of * * *, and I know not how much lace; dress and mantle are to be black, therefore I should like mine changing for one such as Mr. Paget wears. I want it sending with some shirts. [1 *page, damaged.*]

April. **57–62.** Accounts of receipts and disbursements relative to Williamson's pupils, Edw. Norris and Brome Whorwood, from April 1656 to April 1657. [6 *papers.*]

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* Bridget, only daughter and heir of Edw. Wray and Lady Elizabeth Norris, married Montague Bertie, Earl of Lindsey, and was buried in St. Andrew's Chapel, 24 March 1656–7.

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. July 1	Rob. Midford, Boatswain of *Woolwich Dockyard.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for allowance for extra services whilst there was no master attendant, in surveying ships and stores, and assisting the clerk of the survey for a year. With reference to the Navy Commissioners and their report, 9 July, that he deserves a gratuity of 20*l.*, and Admiralty order 9 July for its payment.	Vol. 142. 1–3
" "	Ordnance Officers	"	Tried Mr. Judd's and the State's powder in the mortar piece, but when Judd saw the results, he suspended operations; he now says they have appointed another trial in Hyde Park on Wednesday; desire postponement to Friday, having to go to Chatham to deliver stores to Major Browne, and to test some brass guns. Mr. Newberry wants powder for the stores at Portsmouth.	4
" "	Thos. White, Dover.	"	Begs dispatch for his son, who is attending them with his quarter's account. The Raven has come in to wash and tallow.	5
" "	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to examine the accounts of John Poortmans, as to the distribution of prize money amongst the fleet.	6
" "	"	"	Order to Capt. Alderne, navy victualler, to supply the Grantham, bound for the West Indies, with 8 months' victuals, adopting the rule observed in victualling the ships sent to Jamaica.	7
" 3	"	"	Order for cleaning the Roe ketch at Harwich, and victualling her for 3 months	8
" "	Lieut. Robt. Legard, *Scarborough Castle.*	"	Sends the examination of Timothy Todd, gunner of the Castle, taken before Capt. Alex, Bernard, deputy governor, as to harsh treatment received by Todd on board the Adventure, commanded by Capt. Best, who was in drink, upon his going on board to make a search of the ship and examine passengers, according to his duty. Legard gives details of his own ill treatment by Best.	9, 10
" 4	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Reserve at Chatham, reserving 3 months' pay in hand	11
" "	"	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for furnishing the Grantham, bound to the West Indies, with boatswains' and carpenters' stores.	12
" "	"	"	Order for cleaning and victualling of the Reserve at Chatham for 4 months	13
" "	Jno. Green, Jno. Packwood, *Deptford.*	"	Having seen their warrant to the storekeeper, requiring him and them to make out quarterly bills for all stores and provisions delivered, ask further information as to what is wanted.	14
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	Sympathizes with the merchants for the loss they have sustained; has done his best to prevent the mischiefs of the enemy, and the few frigates on the western stations have been kept fully in action. Although they ply in the mouth of the channel and towards the Soundings, which is in the wake of the greatest commerce, yet 200 ships may come in at a time and not see them; as it seems the 2 East India ships did. The Lark and Amity have gone eastward, with the most considerable convoy of value that has passed up the channel for a long time. Particulars of ships.	15

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. July 4	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Wants old canvas to keep off the sun from the men working on the new ship. Smithson has arrived with the hoy from Pevensey, which will be ready to resail next week.	Vol. 142. 16
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	,,	Captain Plumleigh of the Reserve has come in to clean and victual, and as she wants a mainmast, and there are none at Deptford, asks a warrant if he must use one of the great New England masts, which will be costly, as a smaller would do.	17
,, 5	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	Adm. Com.	Asks whether to allow the victuals for prisoners on the purser's account. Wants a list of the pursers and officers of each ship, to compare with the sea books. The clerks of the check should certify the beginning and ending of each ship while in petty warrant, that he may know when they begin their sea expense. Sends the names of officers of 6 ships who have signed for victuals, and asks which are pursers.	18, 19
,, ,,	Thos. Eastwood, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Has provided the timber for the ship building at Woolwich, and will send down the rest to the waterside shortly. Asked Lord Rich. Cromwell to change 20 oaks for 20 beeches, but he was loth to do so without an order, though he is not against it.	20
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have enquired, as ordered, into the disbursements of Thos. Broome, of Dover, in defending the State's title to houses and lands there, called the Maison Dieu, belonging to the navy, and occupied by the victuallers, and send the account; balance owing, by Broome, 116*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.*, part laid out before, and part since the late contract for victualling.	21, 22
,, ,,	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	The Reserve having come in to be refitted, wants canvas for her sails, as also for the new ship and ketch building, and other ships named.	23
,, 7	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order for sending a spare cable to the Essex in the Downs - - - - - -	24
,, ,,	Major N. Bourne -	Adm. Com.	Finds 1,200 trees in the woods at Hitcham, 500 of which will be useful for the navy, and the remainder might be sold to defray the charges of converting and transporting the rest to the stores at Deptford, Woolwich, and Harwich, and leave a balance. As the felling will be a great loss to the poor tenants, and is much resented by them, has promised them the tops, which are of little value. The tanners only offer 1*s.* a tree for the bark. Advises an agreement with Mr. Grassingham, the State's shipwright at Harwich, for felling, converting, and transporting the timber on terms mentioned; leaves the consideration of his own pains and travail to them.	25
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Is refitting the Reserve, which will soon be ready to sail to the Hope, if her seamen attend, and canvas is sent for sails. The ships taking in ballast at Chatham and provisions in the Hope, is the cause of their slow sailing, and not doing the service intended.	26
,, 8	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	Adm. Com.	Sends receipts for provisions shipped on board 4 vessels bound to Jamaica. Desires a list of the commanders, pursers, and other officers of the fleet.	27
,, ,,	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Wants canvas to make sails for the Reserve and other ships - - - - -	28
,, 9	Company of the *Basing.*	Adm. Com.	Certify that Capt. Alex. Farley, their commander, sent on shore several hogsheads of wine to a man residing at the 3 Tuns in Leith, made false musters, and was constantly drunk.	29

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. July 9	Peter Murford, Jno. Tippetts, Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Send the depositions of Captain Rich. Cowes and the company of the Paradox, that when off Scilly, chasing a Spanish frigate, they were intercepted by Capt. Farley, of the Basing, and thus lost her; also of Capt. Farley, and some of his company, taken before Jno. Fawke, mayor of Portsmouth, denying their statements, and the examinations of the company of the Basing as to Capt. Farley being very often drunk.	Vol. 142. 30–33
,, ,,	Capt. Alex. Farley, the *Basing, Portsmouth.*	,,	Has given Capt. Thorowgood an answer to Capt. Cowes' false accusation, respecting wine alleged to have been taken on shore in his boat; it was a cask of vinegar belonging to another ship, to whom he lent his boat for the purpose, she not having one; the charge of making false musters is equally untrue, and made by idle persons of no repute.	34
,, ,,	John Brown, *Harwich.*	Navy Comrs.	Particulars of ships; 2 are ready to sail, if not detained for victuals - - - -	35
,, 10	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order for sending two cables to the Norwich and Pembroke in the Downs - - -	36
July 11	,, - -	,,	Order to consider what is propounded in Capt. John Taylor's letter enclosed, and to hasten the building of the ketch mentioned, and the supplying her with ordnance.	37, 38
,, 12	Major N. Bourne, *London.*	Adm. Com.	Has been to Deptford and Woolwich, and viewed the Flemish and other ships. Particulars of those fit to be refitted or sold.	39
,, 13	Lieut. Robt. Legard, *Scarborough Castle.*	Col. Edw. Salmon.	Is sorry to hear of Captain Best's unworthy carriage at other times through drink; his men speak very unworthily of him for this, and for cowardice in not attacking Dunkirkers. He has committed abuses in pressing and keeping excepted seamen, as masters and mates, and afterwards turning them out without pay or ticket. If he is called to an account, he will no doubt produce those who will speak to his advantage; hopes Thos. Shires, his master's mate, Roger Yaixely, and Ralph Grundell, will speak the truth without partiality. Maj.-Gen. Lilburne and his lady are at Scarborough, and the Advenure and Preston in the road.	40
,, 14	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs.	Order for docking and repairing the Princess Mary and Elias at Woolwich, and the Satisfaction at Deptford.	41
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *London.*	,,	Having received accounts from Plymouth amounting to 960*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.*, has charged two bills of exchange on the Navy Treasurer, and another for supplies to gunners of ships, amounting to 121*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*, desires they may be paid.	42
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Cannot recommend the building forecastles upon 5th rate frigates at Dover and the Downs, as it may prove costly to the State, and prejudicial to the ships; but have given orders for them in the 2nd rate building at Woolwich, and on the 5th rates building at Deptford and Portsmouth.	43
,, ,,	Thos. Speed and S. Clarke, *Prize Office.*	,,	Recommend Ald. Thos. White and Edw. Goodwin as sub commissioners for the port of Dover -	44

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656.				Vol. 142.
July 15	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Have received 200 barrels of powder from Mr. Samyne, on account of the 600 he contracted to supply.	45
,, ,,	H. Peters - -	Col. Clerke	Recommends Mr. Hodges for a command as a captain or master, he being well known to Mr. Hopkins.	46
,, ,,	— - -	—	Account of the number of guns in the hands of Mr. Foley and Mr. Browne - - -	47
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to consider whether the ketch which Mr. Tippetts is building at Portsmouth for the West Indies should be sheathed, and if necessary, to give order accordingly; also for another building at Chatham.	48
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for a bill to Thos. Maynard for 40*l.* 7*s.*, for expenses in careening the State's frigates at Lisbon.	49
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for a bill to Jno. Powell, messenger, for 31*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.*, and to Hen. Webley for 5*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*, disbursed by them in the service of the navy.	50
,, 16	,, - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay Capt. Alex. Farley, late of the Basing, his wages - - - - -	51
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to pay Edw. Bason, late master of the Primrose, one half of his wages, and retain the remainder for neglect of duty, as to the loss of the said frigate.	52
,, 17	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Milford Haven.*	Navy Com^{rs}	While waiting to convoy some barks to Ireland, heard that the wages of his servant, Hen. Welsh, who perished in the Greyhound when she was blown up, are refused, as he was not enrolled. Never thought of such a thing, being assured, if he had lived, he would have performed his promise, and served his time out. Has sent up a certificate of his father, as also of his kinsman, who was bound for him, and desires his wages may now be paid.	53
,, ,,	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	Send models in wood marked with the weight of the shot most fit for demi-canons and demi-culverins.	53*a*
,, ,,	Capt. Rob. Robinson, *Preston frigate, Yarmouth Road.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Begs leave to make a ticket for Wm. Offin, pricked by mistake as a runaway, when he was in St. Thomas' Hospital, Southwark. With certificate of his admission and discharge.	54, 55
,, ,,	Roger Baker, the *Dunbar, Downs.*	,,	Begs that such a price may be put on the clothes he has on board as will encourage men to receive them. They are bad and unfit for wear.	56
,, 18	Capt. G. Baynes, *Somerset House.*	Capt. Kingdon.	Recommends Wm. Maxfield for employment; he served in the prize office 4 years, and lost all his estate, and suffered much in person by the rebels in Ireland.	57
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for cleaning the Cheriton at Gravesend, and victualling her for 4 months - - -	58
,, 19	,, - -	,,	Order for directions for launching at Chatham the new 2nd rate ship which has been named the London.	59
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for a bill to John Powell for 20*l.*, for services of Rich. Vinson as storekeeper at Plymouth under Capt. Hen. Hatsell for 6 months.	60
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Like order for a bill to him for 135*l.*, for Capt. Hen. Hatsell's services as navy agent at Plymouth for 6 months.	61
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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. July 19	Thos. Lewis	Robt. Blackborne.	Will send as soon as he can the account of the remains of victuals in each port. There are provisions for 308 men for 6 months undisposed of at Hull.	Vol. 142. 62
" 20	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Exon.*	Adm. Com.	Sends letters from Capts. Jno. Pley and Thos. Elliot at Dartmouth, desiring that some more ships may be sent to join the Fagon and Lark in a search for some of the enemies' ships reported to be on the coast. Has sent the Bryer, Wolf, and Bramble, and Capt. Heaton to command in chief. Wants a nimble frigate to be dispatched to the Generals before Cadiz, and Capt. Parker to be sent in her, as his ship needs repairs, being very much damaged by being run into by the Dutch, and he can acquaint them with all that has passed.	63–65
" 21	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	"	Received their commands, but cannot answer their expectations to day before they break up; will do so tomorrow.	66
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Saphire, Gravesend.*	"	Has surveyed the Phoenix, Saphire, and Cheriton, and ordered them up to Woolwich to be cleaned and repaired.	67
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Will attend them next Wednesday to pass the victualler's accounts	68
" 22	John Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	The Vulture has come in to tallow and victual, but the provisions are not come down, and are much wanted.	69
" "	Adm. Com.	"	Order to direct the cleaning the Sapphire at Chatham, and victualling her for 4 months; and on her resailing to the Hope, to pay her company their wages, reserving 3 months' pay.	70
" "	"	"	Order for speedily refitting the Princess Maria and Satisfaction for service in the Channel	71
" "	"	"	Order for cleaning and repairing the Phœnix at Woolwich and victualling her for 4 months	72
" "	"	"	Order to direct Captain Alderne to send to Dover sufficient provisions for 100 men for 6 months, from London, and sufficient for 200 men for 6 months, from the stores at Hull, for supplying the Downs squadron.	73
" 23	"	"	Order for cleaning and repairing the Yarmouth and Pembroke at Harwich, and victualling them	74
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	As the Cheriton has not arrived, has sent after her, and will give her all dispatch	75
" 24	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^rs	Order for a bill to Robt. Sewell, junr., storekeeper at Chatham, for 15*l.*, for his services in discharging the duties of Mr. Meech, out storekeeper there, who deserted in January 1655–56.	76
" "	Ordnance officers	Adm. Com.	As they have not sufficient guns in store to supply the new ketches building at Portsmouth and Chatham, desire order for buying them of the founders, who have some at Portsmouth, and this will avoid the hazard and charge of transportation.	77
" "	John Day	Navy Com^rs	Account of measurement of the decayed timber at Woolwich ropeyard	78
" 25	John Sharpe, the *Jersey, Downs.*	"	Sends two muster books. Sailed from Cadiz on the 4th with the Unicorn and 3 others, and left another portion of the fleet there, some of which were driven out to sea by foul weather	79
" 26	Adm. Com.	"	Order for cleaning and victualling the Sparrow pink at Deptford	80

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1656.				Vol. 142.
July 28	Thos. Lodington, *Victualling Office, London.*	Adm. Com. at Chatham.	Sends a letter from Mr. White of Dover. Has written him to supply the 3 ships with $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of raisins to every 3 lbs. of flour they carry, which is in lieu of a piece of beef or pork, and the oil they have must be expended in lieu of butter; also to supply Gen. Blake's fleet out of the provisions sent. Desires orders to the commander-in-chief to direct a survey to be made of all the provisions on board the ships lately come in, as Mr. Hempson has not yet taken any account from the pursers.	81
" "	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs	Has fitted out the Norwich and 4 others, and supplied various provisions and stores; having drawn a bill on them for 300*l.*, desires payment, as the poor men are not able to wait until quarter-day.	82
" 29	Ordnance Officers -	Adm. Com.	Have treated for guns for the new ketch at Portsmouth with the founders, who demand 17*l.* per ton, so that the 10 guns will not amount to 80*l.* Have sufficient in store for the new ketch at Chatham, and desire orders to send them down.	83
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	The Preston has sent in a shallop of 2 guns and 28 men, and gone with the Pearl northward to bring up a lading fleet; they brought in upwards of 200 sail yesterday. The Reserve has also arrived, with some light ships.	84
" 30	Hen. Carless and 2 others.	—	Survey of the defects of the Dunbar - - - - - - - -	85
" "	Jno. Falkener, *Ordnance Office.*	Blackborne.	Wants a convoy appointed for the hoy laden with stores for Portsmouth - - -	86
" "	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham Dock.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires a supply of tar and boatswains' stores - - - - - - -	87
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	"	Desires order as to launching the Princess Mary, her works being nearly finished; also a supply of spruce deals and trenails, formerly demanded.	88
" "	Manley Callis and John Ruffhead, anchor-smith, *Deptford.*	"	Have tested the iron bars, bolts, and spikes sent from the Forest of Dean, and find them good and serviceable.	89, 90
" "	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	—	Certificate that Fisher Harding is fit for carpenter of the Grantham, if Dan. Furzer is ordered to stay on shore.	91
" "	Jno. Falkener, *Tower.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Thos. Matthewes as gunner in the Satisfaction, the former gunner having been transferred to the Advice.	92
" "	T. Lodington, *Victualling Office.*	Adm. Com.	Sends account of provisions shipped for Jamaica. Wants ships to carry the remainder; also order for the 300 men's victuals at Plymouth.	93
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to direct Capt. Alderne to send to Dover or the Downs sufficient beef and pork for 300 men for 6 months, out of the provisions declared for Plymouth, and provide for the deficiency.	94
" "	" - -	"	Order to direct Capt. Alderne to send 100 tuns of beer to the Dunbar in the Downs, for supply of the ships lately arrived from the fleet.	95

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1656. July 30	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to provide the Grantham with harping irons and other fishing implements, not exceeding the value of 10*l.*	Vol. 142. 96
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for the speedy fitting and victualling of the Bramble, lately brought into Plymouth as a prize, which is to carry 70 men and 14 guns, and be supplied with stores out of the Otter.	97
Aug. 1	,, - -	,,	Order on an order of 27 Mar. last—that the victuals to be issued to prisoners taken by any of the State's ships should be only half of that allowed to the mariners of the fleet—for directions to the navy victuallers not to allow any more upon the pursers' accounts.	Vol. 143. 1
,, ,,	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Has made several journeys to Woolwich, to hasten the fitting out of the ships there, which will soon be ready to sail, if provisions are sent. The little frigate that came from the French forts in New England can be made serviceable at a small cost.	2
,, ,,	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	,,	The Preston having broken her mast in a chase, has supplied her with another, at a cost of 10*l.* The Pearl was in the chase with her. The ketch plying about Lynn has taken a sloop, 7 of whose men ran on shore; has taken 3, and sent the hue and cry after the other 4. Having now 53 prisoners, it is much desired they may be exchanged for our men. As the coasts are full of the enemy, Capt. Plumleigh is waiting the return of the Wren and Vulture, sent to convoy a great coal fleet up the Swinn.	3
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Robinson the *Preston, Yarmouth Roads.*	,,	While convoying 200 colliers to Yarmouth Roads, chased two sails for two hours; captured one of 2 guns and 27 men and boys, and sent her into Yarmouth. Went after the other, but breaking his mainmast, was forced to return to Yarmouth, leaving the Pearl to follow up the chase. Has received another mast, and will ply with Capt. Smyth northwards, as ordered; hopes to give a good account of the rogues in those parts. The Weymouth is gone as convoy to the colliers.	4
,, ,,	,, ,,	Navy Comrs	To similar effect. Desires order for landing a quantity of empty beer casks, otherwise will have to stave them, contrary to instructions.	5
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Haddock, *Dragon, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Having taken in two months' provisions, &c., will proceed to Yarmouth Roads, and wait orders and a new anchor, having broken his best bower in Cadiz Bay; if ordered to lie on the north coast, will greatly need it.	6
,, ,,	Ordnance officers -	,,	Send an account of powder delivered by 6 powder makers named, under contracts made with the Admiralty Commissioners; as Lewis Fossan and Thomas Fossan have not returned all the old powder delivered out to be repaired under a former contract, and valued at 40*l.*, cannot make out a debenture to them without further order.	7, 8
,, ,,	John Pitt, *the Dunbar, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Kent is gone for Chatham to be cleaned, and the Guinea will follow; the remainder of the Downs squadron should be sent in by two for cleaning, whereby they will be in a posture to outsail the enemy, and the advantage thereby accruing will balance the cost; although it will diminish the squadron for the time, there will be enough remaining to secure themselves, if not to annoy the enemy. Is certain Capt. Whitehorne will do his best in the Narrow and off the northern passage, and send small vessels to lie close in shore, to intercept and surprise the enemy.	9

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1656. Aug. 1	Capt Jer. Smyth, *the Dunbar, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a survey of the Kent; as she is unserviceable, has ordered her to Chatham to be repaired, the Guinea is in the same condition. Particulars of ships. The Pembroke and Cornelian have sailed with several vessels under convoy for St. Vallery and Seine Head.	Vol. 143. 10
" 2	" "	"	Sends a survey of the defects of the Guinney, which might be employed as a convoy, until her victuals is expended. Is riding alone, and at a great adventure, but does not fear the enemy. Particulars of other ships. Wants anchors and cables.	11, 12
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Formerly gave order for refitting the Satisfaction and Princess Maria for service in the Channel, but several ships having since arrived from the Straits, belonging to Generals Blake and Montague's fleet, desire all further proceedings may be stopped.	13
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Fagon and Lark have gone to their convoy at Cowes, and the Hopewell pink has sailed with a ship that came from Genoa, and another laden with tin. The Hopewell wants victuals. The ketch will be launched next Friday, and if men and victuals are not wanting, she may sail in 7 days.	14
" "	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	"	Sends petition of Wm. Maister, mayor, and 8 other merchants of Kingston-upon-Hull, to the Admiralty Commissioners, for a convoy for a cloth ship called the Ellenor of Hull, bound for Dort, she being richly laden, as also for two others with lead. Hopes it will be complied with, as their lading is valued at 20,000*l.*	15, 16
" 3	Capt. David Dove, *Nicodemus, Leith Road.*	"	Has been plying on his station, and chased two or three Spanish men-of-war, one of which had taken a vessel with fish, belonging to Wells, which she abandoned, but it ran on shore in a fog at Peterhead, and was lost. Has come in to repair his furnace and anchor.	17
" "	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Sailed from the Hope on the 29th ult., and met the Wexford from the Downs and the several merchantmen bound for Rotterdam, but there being so many pirates abroad, they would not adventure with such a small convoy, and were advised by Major Burton not to sail without additional strength. As Capt. Haddock of the Dragon has since arrived, will resail with the first wind, and give an account on his return.	18
" 4	Capt. Jer. Country, *Roe ketch, near Lynn.*	"	Has been plying on his station, and after a long chase took a Dunkirk frigate, of 35 men and 4 guns; they threw all they could overboard, and the men ran on shore, but have since been taken by Major Burton. The prize is with Mr. Pewtinger, at Yarmouth. Is about convoying several vessels in the Roads, bound for Lynn and other places.	19
" "	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch, Harwich.*	"	To similar effect. Chased another sloop, but she escaped over the sands towards Ostend; should have been in some danger through following her, but Wm. Mead Milton came off in his boat and got him off the sands, where he stuck for 6 hours. Afterwards convoyed ships, with butter and cheese, from Harwich to Faversham, and has since been plying about the Ness.	20

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1656. Aug. 4	Judge - Advocate Fowler, the *Dunbar, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Would have written before, but did not know whether he was in London or with the Commissioners at Chatham. Sends a letter from Griffith Lewis, late steward of the Reserve, in reply to his request for payment for provisions, denying that he, Fowler, or his servants, were ever borne upon the books of that ship. Also a letter to the Commissioners to settle the allowance he is to receive, in pay, provisions, and servants; is now deprived, by their order, of 11*l.* or 12*l.* a year, and of one of his servants. It cannot be thought that a person in his position can do without one to copy, or that anyone who can handle a pen will submit to the drudgery of cleaning a cabin, &c. When absent with his friends, thinks he ought to have money instead of sea provisions, and the money not be allowed to the steward or purser. This is the question between him and Lewis; Sprigg, the accountant, should pay the money to the steward.	Vol. 143. 21
,, ,,	Capt. Danl. Baker, *Weymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on his station, and convoying vessels, by order of Capt. Thorowgood - -	22
,, ,,	Capt. Willoughby Hannam, *Chatham.*	,,	Has arrived at Chatham from the Downs, by order of Capt. Smith, and waits commands -	23
,, ,,	John Packwood, *Woolwich.*	Navy Comrs	The Old President has arrived, and is taking down her masts and rigging; desires order concerning her.	24
,, ,,	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	The frigate taken by the master of the Recovery may be fitted out as a man-of-war for 300*l.*, and her captors will be content with a small sum for her in her present condition. The ships bound for Ireland wait a convoy, the enemy being about the coasts.	25
,, ,,	John Smyth, *Warwick Castle.*	Navy Comrs	Received their letter in the absence of Col. Hawksworth. The rate of carriage from hence is 3*s.* 6*d.* per cwt., if the ways are good; the casks containing the shot may afterwards be made serviceable at little expense.	26
,, ,,	Capt. Jere. Smyth, *the Dunbar, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Signed and sent their paper to the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk, but fears the packet boat had left Dover before it arrived. The Unicorn and Bristol are fitted and ready for service, but want beer; the brewers make it as fast as they can, but cannot supply sufficient, and if casked while hot, they fear it will stink in a month. A supply from London is needed. Particulars of other ships; chase after a Dunkirk sloop.	27
,, ,,	Major Jo. Wade, *Little Dean.*	,,	The gentleman appointed for stating the accounts of the ironworks in Dean Forest has arrived. Wants a Council order to the master of the Exchequer Office to send down a commission that was sued out in 1641 concerning Dean Forest, and the proceedings thereon, as they will be wanted at the Court which will sit at Micheldean on the 12th. Mr. Nutley should be employed, he knowing all about the business.	28
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to consider the most convenient place in Dean Forest to build the 5th-rate frigate ordered, and who is most fit to do it, and on what terms.	29
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to send 4 best bower cables and two anchors by the Dunbar to the Downs, for the supply of ships.	30

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Aug. 4	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for cleaning the Hopewell pink at Portsmouth, and victualling her for 3 months	31
" "	"	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order for paying off the Little President at Woolwich	32
" 5	"	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for a bill to Maj-Gen. Thos. Kelsey for 5*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*, disbursed by him for apprehending and impressing seamen, and sending them to several ports for the Southern fleet.	33
" "	"	"	Order for cleaning and refitting the Kentish frigate at Chatham, and victualling her for 4 months.	34
" "	"	"	Order that—it being expedient, in these times of danger, that a more than ordinary guard should be placed in the river Medway, for securing it and the ships therein—they consider what Dutch ship of 30 guns will be most fit for that purpose, and what allowance of sails, tackle, &c., and number of men and officers, will be requisite, and give orders accordingly.	35
" "	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has been to the Ness, but not seeing or hearing of any of the enemies' men-of-war, made up the Sladway; hearing guns to the northward, sailed that way, and came up with 2 Ostenders, who had fallen in with a fleet of colliers, taken one, and put 3 more on shore. Plied among the colliers, but hearing the Ostenders carried from 12 to 14 guns, did not deem it convenient to engage with them, but to make for Harwich for assistance.	36
" "	Ordnance officers	"	Account of a quantity of old and unserviceable brass ordnance brought from Chatham to Tower wharf; desire order as to its disposal.	37
" "	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham Dock.*	Wm. Cooling, *Navy Office.*	Sends Mr. Child's bill for canvas delivered, and Mr. Wallington's for some scoops, also a demand for unlisted red cotton. Desires he will hasten down the tar ordered.	38
" "	——	—	Account of beer sent in several hoys to the Dunbar in the Downs. Total, 104 tuns 2 hhds.	39
" "	Capt. J. Whitstone, *Phœnix.*	Adm. Com.	Has received 10 culverins from the ordnance officers; they promised to send the carriage makers to fit carriages for them, but have not done so. His gunner, sent to London to look after the stores, resigns through sickness; recommends Thos. Rowlson, his mate, to succeed him.	40
" 6	" "	"	Hearing of the gradual recovery of his gunner, desires he may be continued; will supply his place meantime.	41
" "	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Unicorn, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne	Begs leave of absence to go to London for a week to seek his sick wife and his child, who has broken its arm.	42
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Exeter.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Capt. Morris, who has been in fight with two of the enemies' men-of-war for 7 hours, has spent all his shot, and desires a fresh supply. Knows not how to accommodate him. Wants some sent down for any frigates that come in in a like condition; also an order to the Treasurer to pay his bill of disbursements.	43

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1656. Aug. 6	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Exeter.*	Adm. Com.	Has received the money, and will dispose of it as directed; asks how the men are to be supplied with clothes. Capt. Salmon has arrived at Plymouth. Has ordered the officers and company of the Otter into the Bramble, and men to be procured; purposes returning to Plymouth to-day, and will give all despatch to her, and the Gainsborough. Will send a frigate to Milford, and give convoy to the Hopewell, bound to Jamaica.	Vol. 143. 44
,, ,,	T. Lodington, *Victualling Office.*	,,	Sends account of provisions received from Capt. Thos. Alderne, put on board the Hopewell, bound for Jamaica. The provisions ordered from Plymouth are ready, and only stay for a convoy, Capt. Hatsell not being upon the place.	45, 46
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	,,	Send a survey by Manley Callis and Jno. Ruffhead, 30 July, of bolts, bars, and other ironwork brought from Dean Forest to Deptford, and useful for ships or anchors.	47, 48
,, ,,	John Pitt, *the Dunbar, Downs.*	,,	Hears that the Dort, lately taken off the Land's End, is to be fitted out at Dunkirk with 28 guns and 240 men, and another of 30 guns and 300 men, and they are to rendezvous at Vigo; Capt. Smith is acquainted with it, and will inform Capt. Whitehorne, so as to prevent them passing. There are several sloops ready to come out of Ostend, but as the frigates upon the coast have had timely notice, they may surprise some of them.	49
,, ,,	Capt. Jere. Smyth, *the Dunbar, Downs.*	,,	Sends an account of the Downs squadron, and a letter from the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk. Has ordered the Bristol to Yarmouth, to take in the remainder of her beer coming from Dover, but if it is not ready, she shall go without it. The brewers there are so pressed to brew, and the weather is so hot, that the beer is not much better than water, and will soon stink. Capt. Sparling complains that the Assistance and other frigates are so foul they cannot chase the enemy with any success; Capt. Whitehorne wants more ships, although he has 11, and if none are sent, he intends joining those at Ostend, as he hears several of the enemy's ships are coming out from thence, but it is strange if the 4 or 5 frigates there are afraid to engage with all the strength either of Ostend or Dunkirk.	50
,, 7	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for 40 of the extraordinary men at Deptford yard to be sent to Woolwich, there being an increase of work there.	51
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Order for cleaning the Dartmouth at Harwich, and victualling her for 3 months - - -	52
,, ,,	Capt. Ri. Hodges, *the Basing, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Has not had 3 hours' fair wind since leaving Portsmouth, and the vessels from Bristol fair have not yet arrived. Hearing there is a small Ostender laying under Caldy Island for those coming from the fair, will look after him, and return to Milford. Commissary Reynolds desires to be transported to Ireland, according to an order received, but as there is no other frigate upon the coast to convey the ships expected from Bristol, has desired him to wait until they arrive.	53
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *the Yarmouth, Harwich.*	,,	Has made no delay in getting to sea, but used all care and diligence, and his men have had little rest night or day; hopes to proceed to his former station next Tuesday.	54

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1656. Aug. 7	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *the Reserve, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed 8 merchant ships to Rotterdam, with the Dragon and Wexford, and brought back 18 out of 21, the other 3 not being ready. Did not see any men of war, but heard they had been waiting on the coast for those he brought over. The Wexford is ordered to convoy those for London, and then return to the Downs, and the Dragon is to remain in the Roads, by order of Major Burton, until further orders, she being very foul.	Vol. 143. 55
" "	Capt. Ed. Salmon, *Scarborough Castle.*	"	After receiving his Highness' commands for the North, attended the Admiralty Chamber to kiss their hands, but they were absent; also to acquaint them that last Wednesday, a Dunkirk man-of-war of 16 guns fell in with some fishing boats belonging to Whitby, two of which she took and plundered, and would have so served the rest, had not the Pearl come to their relief. Also that last Thursday, a light fleet of 43 ships and hoys passed the castle, which feared no enemy, or they would not have come without a convoy, scattered as they were, and having no guns. Soon afterwards a laden fleet of 36 sail also passed without a convoy, but the Preston, which had just returned from sea, was in sight.	56
" "	Capt. Jno. Simonds, *the Jersey, Downs.*	"	Desires two guns of 3 cwt. each. Being at Plymouth when the fleet sailed southward, missed the supply which was then made to the ships at Portsmouth.	57
" 8	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to receive from Capt. Jno. Leverett a surrender of a vessel brought by him from Accadia, belonging to the Commonwealth, and lying at Wapping, and his account of disbursements for wages, &c.	58
" "	Capt. Rich. Rooth, *the Dartmouth, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in from the Downs to tallow, refit, and victual, and will use all means to obtain despatch.	59
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Delivered their letter to Capt. Penrose. Capts. Plumleigh and Haddock have arrived with the Holland fleet from Rotterdam; the Wexford is gone for the Thames, with those bound for London, and Capt. Plumleigh is about sailing with others for Hull. The Newcastle men still stay for the coming of the Northern squadron with a laden fleet, and Capt. Haddock for orders, as he wants his ship cleaned and tallowed.	60
" "	Capt. Rich. Haddock, *Dragon, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Has been with Capt. Plumleigh, and the Wexford, as convoy to 8 vessels bound to the coast of Holland, and brought back 17, and waits orders; wants an anchor.	61
" "	Phil. Grant - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Particulars of a conversation heard between one Pitt, a Commissioner, and Monday, a purveyor of timber, as to getting bills from the State for timber before delivery, and appropriating the money to their own use. Pitt is a man of evil report in Suffolk, and Monday is his tenant.	62
" 8	Thos. Hayter, *Little Dean.*	Edw. Hopkins, *Navy Office.*	Has been much delayed by the confusion and intricacy of the accounts, occasioned through the death of one, and the ignorance of others, and though engaged from 6 a.m. till 8 p.m., has not completed them.	63

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1656. Aug. 8	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of the careening of the Gainsborough, also a demand for powder and gunner's stores for her and the Sorlings, the latter having expended 30 barrels in the last encounter. Has ordered Capt. Morris to convoy a ship laden with provisions for Dover as far as Spithead, and desires they will appoint another to convoy her thence; there are doubtless ships waiting at the Isle of Wight for a convoy to the Downs, and they might go together.	Vol. 143. 64
,, ,,	Capt. N. Heaton, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Particulars of the damage done to his ship that "dark sad night," which are so many that it is a mercy they escaped. Cannot tell what the Commissioners may think of him or do with the master, but they have few such honest careful men in their frigates; hopes the Commissioners will not be hard with himself. Concerning Turks, one in 10 or one in 5 is every man's interest.	65
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Jeakin, *Wolf, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in by order of Capt. Hatsell, to tallow and victual, and will make all despatch - -	66
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	,,	Find additions or alterations in their number, on which there may be some alteration in their patent; do not doubt but their commands will be suitable to their power, yet think it will not be judged presumption but prudence to desire a copy of the patent, so far as it relates to the Navy Commissioners.	67
,, ,,	,, ,,	Ordnance officers.	Samuel Raven having bought the Horsleydown shallop, with apparel, furniture, and guns, and the latter being in their custody, desire they will deliver them to him, he having paid his money.	68
	Ja. Nutley, *Middle Temple.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs aid for the bearer, Mrs. Field, in obtaining a warrant to search the ships bound for Barbadoes, for Thos. Williams, a boy of 16, who was apprenticed to her husband, an apothecary in Westminster, but has run.	69
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Penrose, *the Bristol, Yarmouth Roads.*	,,	Will attend the Commissioners' order on the arrival of the Phoenix. Desires payment of his account of disbursements for the Portuguese ambassador, amounting to 40*l.*; was prejudiced 200*l.* in waiting upon that service.	70
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Is endeavouring to complete his number of men, 16 of whom run, although they had 6 months' pay due. Desires leave of absence for a fortnight, to transact some urgent business in London.	71
,, ,,	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Asks a supply of trenails from Chatham, those from Dean Forest made from dotard timber not being serviceable; has broken 2,000 in using them. Mr. Eastwood should be hastened to send down his plank, and Mr. Hayward the lighters to fetch it from Essex; begs that the number of workmen may be augmented.	72
,, ,,	Thos. Skinner, *London.*	Col. Clerke	As the captain of the cloth ship for Dort will attend the Commissioners to solicit that the Sapphire may be appointed as his convoy, would have been present himself, had he not to attend the funeral of his dearest friend; begs him to advance the business, considering the fair wind, long demurrage, her value, and the season of the year.	73
,, ,,	Capt. Jere. Smyth, *the Dunbar, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sent their packet to Capt. Whiteborne, and believes the Bristol is now in the Yarmouth Roads, waiting orders; but other ships named have not yet arrived. Capt. Nath. Browne, of the Taunton, whom he has ordered to Chatham, has no anchors nor cables to spare for the Jersey; hears from Commissioner Pett that some are coming by the hoy. Desires more ships may be sent to act as convoys, as there is great complaint for want of them.	74

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Aug. 8	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	Navy Com^rs	Having received letters from Gottenburg of a ship laden with masts and deals consigned to him, sends particulars of their dimensions; as they are much wanted in the stores down the river, desires they will send order for their delivery at Chatham, as also for the money.	Vol. 143. 75
" "	Capt. John Vasey, *Raven, the Swale.*	"	Begs they will stop the ticket of his servant, Geo. Warring Gromett, he having run, and stolen the ticket out of the chest.	76
" 9	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order for a bill to Thos. Gold for 173*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, for transporting 15 persons to the West Indies in the Morning Star, as also a quantity of goods shipped by Commissary Rich. Povey, for Gen. Venables and other army officers.	77
" "	" "	"	Send a letter and account from Capt. Robt. Wilkinson of the Weymouth in Yarmouth Roads, asking payment of 13*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* disbursed in pressing men in Scotland and at Lynn, and desire they will make a just allowance.	78–80
" "	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in to clean and tallow, by order of Capt. Thorowgood. Capt. Park arrived at Spithead yesterday, being bound to Seine Head, with several ships; will join him on his return according to order.	81
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	The Yarmouth is detained for want of victuals, which must be sent from London. Will have to take up money to pay wages, and desires they will direct the Treasurer to make provision. Has got 400 trees, the best parcel of timber he has seen for years.	82
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	To similar effect. Desires order to sell some old and unserviceable stores, as they take up much room. Has got 400 trees down to Ipswich from Hitcham, and is in treaty with the gentleman for the remainder, but it is a business involving much trouble and charge. The Dartmouth and Vulture have come in to repair and victual.	83
" "	Capt. R. Bowen, *Mayflower, Caldey Road.*	"	Added 10 more men to his complement of 60, as ordered. Transported Major Morgan to Beaumaris, by order of the Council at Dublin, and then cruised about. Chased a small man-of-war of 3 guns from St. Sebastian's, which had taken a vessel from Dublin bound for West Chester, but released her on payment of some money. She also had two other prizes, which he secured, and delivered to the prize officers at Tenby. Relieved 14 other sail, which would have been taken had not Providence ordered it otherwise. If he is to remain out the winter, desires order to come into careen, and to obtain cables, sails, &c. Having been employed in the Mayflower since Feb. 1652–3, and having no master or mate, she being a 6th rate, desires an exchange into one of the new 5th rates now building.	84
" "	Capt. Robt. Claye, *Sapphire.*	Robt. Blackborne	Is sorry the Admiralty Commissioners are offended at his delay in sailing from Chatham; made all possible haste, and left as soon as the carpenters had done. Is paying his men, and getting in his provisions.	85
" "	Jno. Hoskins -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the place of gunner in the Satisfaction, having so served for years; is now in the Gillyflower. With certificates of Capt. Valentine Tatnell, Jno. Greene, Thos. Scott, Capt. Hen. Fenner, and 3 others.	86–88

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Aug. 9	Jno. Paine - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of a bill of exchange for 640*l.* given for provisions sent by his father for supply of the fleet at Boston, New England, he having sent out to him a further supply of much greater value upon the supposition that such bill would be paid, and be thus enabled to settle with the creditors, who are now very pressing, but the order for payment has been casually lost. With reference to the Navy Commissioners, to make out another warrant on receiving a proper indemnity.	Vol. 143. 89
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Newcastle.*	„	Has brought in 20 Yarmouth vessels. Met the Pearl, who had chased two Dunkirk men-of-war until she cracked both her topmasts, when she was disabled. Saw the Preston at the Humber, convoying some ships there, and met several fleets without convoy. A couple of good frigates are needed to ply between Newcastle and Flamborough Head.	90
„ „	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Leith Road.*	„	Account of proceedings in convoying vessels from Leith to Norway and back to Aberdeen and other ports, by order of Gen. Monk. Desires order to come in to clean and victual. His purser says the captain has nothing to do with such matters, and he will do what he lists.	91
„ 10	Col. Ed. Salmon, *Scarborough.*	„	The Preston has captured and brought in the St. Ann, of Ostend, with 38 men, and as she is the best sailer set out of Ostend this year, Capt. Robinson thinks she will be very useful between Yarmouth and the Thames. As he is convoying some ships to Yarmouth, has desired him to take her with him, and await orders. Has not heard of the Pearl, and the Weymouth pink is such a dumb beast she signifies little more than nothing.	92
„ 11	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advise, Ostend Road.*	Navy Comrs	According to order from the Admiralty Commissioners, sent two of his officers to Hull to impress men, and obtained 30, and by beating drum for volunteers, 20 able seamen came to the governor and officers. The ship being at Flamborough Head, the men were secured in the castle, and order sent for him to go to the Humber to take them in. Took and entered them in the ship, and allowed them 6*d.* a day for 4 days, as little as could be allowed for victuals; hopes they will not think the charge unnecessary, and will order the money to be paid.	93
„ „	Capt. Abr. Allgate, the *Wexford, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Received orders from Capt. Plumleigh to see the 4 vessels he convoyed from Rotterdam for London, as also some others, into the river, but has been forced into Harwich by contrary winds.	94
„ „	Capt. Nath. Browne, the *Taunton, Chatham River.*	„	Has come up from the Downs by order of the commander-in-chief there, to clean and revictual, and will return when completed.	95
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Repairs of ships - - - - - - - - - - -	96
„ „	„ „	Navy Comrs	To like effect - - - - - - - - - - -	97
„ „	„ „	„	To like effect. As the tar supplied by Mr. Greene is bad, and ⅓ turns to waste, asks whether to make out any bill for it. There is great want of tar.	98

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Aug. 11	Capt. Robt. Clay, *Sapphire, Hope.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will sail to the Downs as ordered; desires a press warrant	Vol. 143. 99
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships	100
„ „	Capt. Rich. Ducie, *Wren pink, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Will observe all Major Burton's orders. Is going as convoy to a fleet of laden colliers, but wants a cable, fore-topsail, and boat; will be out of victuals on the 27th.	101
„ „	Capt. Thos. Penrose *the Bristol, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Will sail to Long Sound as ordered, but is waiting for the Phœnix, which was in the Hope on Friday.	102
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	Sent their letter to Capt Penrose, who has gone with Capt. Haddock to Long Sound. As there is a rumour of 8 of the enemies' ships having gone to meet the Iceland fleet, and as only 4 of the fleet came out of the country without convoy this year, and they were all taken, desires a man-of-war may be sent to protect them. Hopes it will not be long before the prisoners are released in Flanders, as their wives will not let him be quiet.	103
„ „	Robt. Robins, Jno. Albertson, bailiffs, *Yarmouth.*	„	Have 70 Dunkirk and Ostend prisoners brought in by captains of ships, and no one is ordered to pay for their diet, which is 4*d.* a man per day, and it is growing to a considerable sum; desire orders to Mr. Pewtinger to defray the charges; also for some provision to be made for sick and wounded men sent on shore. The convoy for the herring fishery will be required by the 24th or 26th inst.	104
„ „	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Humber.*	„	Has returned from Rotterdam, and waits orders	105
„ „	Capt. Philemon Pownell, *Eaglet ketch, Downs.*	Navy Comrs	While carrying a packet to Capt. Whitehorne on the coast of Flanders, chased one of the enemies' men-of-war on shore, and destroyed her; also chased another which surrendered to a French man-of-war, so ordered them both into the Downs, to be disposed of as the Admiral should think fit. Has convoyed several ships, but can do little good in such a small vessel; desires a remove before winter.	106
„ „	Capt. Jer. Smyth, the *Dunbar, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends particulars of the Downs and Flanders squadrons and other ships. Dispatched their letter to the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk; will distribute the 100 tuns of beer received from London. As there are great complaints for want of convoys, desires more ships for that purpose.	107–109
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has launched the Chesnut ketch, and if men appear, she will be ready to sail this week, as also the Hopewell pink; wants the captain and some one to look after the provisions. Delivered their warrants, but no carriages have arrived for the guns. The Amity is at Spithead, with some vessels bound for Seine Head.	110

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1656. Aug. 11	Capt. Jo. Topping, *Tynemouth Castle*	Adm. Com.	Being with Capt. Howard and others at Hexham, heard from Capt. Wilkinson, who came in with a convoy, that one of the State's ships had spent her topmast and received other damage, in chasing one of the enemies' frigates, and had put into some harbour to be refitted. There are 4 Dunkirk men-of-war upon the coast, and none of the State's ships but the Weymouth pink, which has gone as convoy to 73 laden colliers.	Vol. 143. 111
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	To give order for refitting and cleaning the Taunton at Chatham, and victualling her for 4 months.	112
,, 12	,, - -	,,	To give order for supplying the Sorlings with anchors, cables, and boatswain's stores - -	113
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	To give order for victualling the Blackmore and Chesnut ketches, bound to the West Indies, for 6 months, for 45 and 50 men each.	114
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to consider what sorts of ironwork should be made in Dean Forest, for supply of the stores at Portsmouth, Chatham, and Deptford.	115
,, ,,	Thos. Broome, *Dover*	Adm. Com.	Asks payment of 347*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*, for sundry disbursements and for expenses of a suit between himself and Robt. Mason, in defending the State's title to lands and tenements, as also for 7 years toil and trouble.	116
,, ,,	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	,,	Sends a petition enclosed of Wm. Maister, mayor of Hull, and several other merchants, that the convoy for their 2 ships, laden with cloth, bound to Hamburg, may stay 10 or 14 days, to reconduct the ships home when laden. Col. Salmon has granted a convoy for their Dort ship to Yarmouth. Particulars of the movements of the State's ships.	117, 118
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	,,	Will scatter the Moors among the ships, but they have only the clothes they wear, which are few enough, and it getting wet and cold, they may not only contract disease themselves, but give it to others. Particulars of ships.	119
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale*, *Milford Haven.*	,,	Hearing that a man-of-war had chased 3 merchantmen from the West Indies into Berehaven, and believing her to be consort to the one he formerly took, plied about the Cape, but not meeting her, convoyed the merchantmen to Kinsale. Heard of another which had sunk a small vessel and plundered two or three others, but cannot do much service, his frigate being foul and out of repair. As there is much pay due to his men, which their families want, and his frigate is not fit to stay out the winter, hopes shortly to be called in.	120
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Riveley, *Vulture*, *Yarmouth.*	,,	Convoyed some vessels to the Downs, and returned to Harwich to stop leaks. Convoyed a fleet of 50 colliers thence to Yarmouth, and is now in the Roads.	121
,, ,,	Capt. Jer. Smyth, the *Dunbar*, *Downs.*	,,	Sends a packet from Capt. Whitehorne, brought by Capt. Nixon, who has come over for water, and reports that the enemy is not so strong as was believed. Capt. Sparling, with 6 ships named, considered himself equal to the enemy's force, before the Cheriton and Sparrow were ordered to join him, there being only 6 men-of-war in Ostend besides the Holland men-of-war, which are to be returned to the Hollanders. When the Dartmouth and Yarmouth arrive, there will shortly be 16 sail upon that coast, but they will not be able to remain but at great hazard, and would do more service if sent out by twos. The Jersey chased 2 frigates from Dunkirk, but being very foul, was forced to give it up.	122

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1656. Aug. 13	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	As Dean Forest will be the most convenient place for building the 5th rate frigate, have instructed Dan. Furzer, shipwright, to repair to Lydney Pill to build her, and to apply to Major Wade, residing there, for orders, money, timber, and ironwork; desire they will write the major thereon.	Vol. 143. 123
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	They are to sign the ticket made out by Capt. Morris of the Sorlings, for the pay of Constant Courtney, his chaplain, although the latter had no warrant.	124
„ „	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Portsmouth.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Asks the command of the new frigate building at Portsmouth - - - - -	125
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To like effect. Has revictualled for 45 men for 3 months, and will sail for Spithead - -	126
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Got the Dragon a pilot, with much ado, the pay being so small. There are 10 sail of the enemy lying on the Scotch coast to meet the Iceland fleet. The wives of the men in prison attend him daily respecting their release.	127
„ „	Capt. Rich. Haddock, the *Dragon*, *Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Is fitting out to sail for the Humber, to meet Capt. Plumleigh, but fears he may have gone with his convoy; should Major Elton have no orders for him, hopes orders will be sent. Will endeavour to find an anchor at Hull.	128
„ „	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Dublin.*	„	Carried Capt. Dean to Ireland and convoyed the vessels in his company, and after landing him at Cork, went to Kinsale to tallow and victual, and then plied westward of Cape Clear and towards England. Chased and took the St. Nicholas, commanded by Jasper Hurlestone, an Irishman, who had a commission from James Stuart. She carried 3 guns, 2 of which they had thrown overboard, and 24 men, the rest having been sent away in the prizes they took last week. Has delivered her and the prisoners to Lord Henry Cromwell, and is going to sea to look after others.	129
„ „	Thos. Eastwood, *Redbridge.*	Navy Com^rs	The price of tar is 25*s.* a barrel; has been offered some at Southampton for 22*s.* by bill payable in a month. If they approve, desires order at Southampton; will be at Redbridge, loading Mr. Coldrick's hoy, which is coming up the river next tide with the plank. Will want money to pay the carters for the timber, and therefore desires a bill of imprest.	130
„ „	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed Captain Gosnold, an East Indiaman of value, bound for London, from Plymouth to Portsmouth, by order of Commander Hatsell, and a small vessel with provisions for Dover; is getting refitted and victualled.	131
„ „	Thos. Newberry, *Portsmouth.*	„	Has finished the drying and dusting of the 493 barrels of decayed powder in the stores, which, with 24 barrels of wet powder received from the Basing, and 18 from the Fagon, made 535, of which 13 were wasted in the process, and 63 were unfit for further service. Having supplied 3 ships, has 411 barrels in hand.	132, 133

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1656. Aug. 13	Capt. Rich. Rooth, the *Dartmouth*.	Adm. Com.	Has used all means to dispatch his ship, and waits the provisions from Ipswich, when he will repair to Capt. Whitehorne.	Vol. 143 134
" "	Capt. Jer. Smyth, the *Dunbar, Downs.*	Prize Comrs	Received their letter complaining of his appropriating a prize he took to the service of the State in the Downs, without their order and contrary to their 6th instruction, whereby they were unable to pass their account in the Exchequer; sent them and their sub-Commissioners due notice, and received order from the Admiralty Commissioners to refit her. She was only an old rotten sloop or boat, of 2 or 3 tons, with a loading of 12 or 14 rogues, who ran, but were retaken, a grapnell and piece of rope, half a cheese, and 4 lbs. of bread, the whole value, 4*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.*	135
" "	" "	[Adm. Com.]	Sends a letter from the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk. The Sapphire, with the cloth ship, has not arrived, nor Capt. Rob. Clarke, from London. Has heard nothing of the Wexford, and there is no ship in the Downs fit for a convoy besides the Unicorn. Two others are detained by southerly winds, has supplied them with 16 men. Hearing from Commissioner Pett that the Sapphire and Taunton are ready to sail, hopes they may go no further than the Swale for men and provisions, as the men of other ships in the Hope are still running to their relations in London, to the hindrance of the service. Wants a minister and lieutenant for the Dunbar.	136
" "	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Burnt Island.*	"	Is cleaning his ship, and hopes to finish and victual by the end of the week, when he expects to be ordered to convoy 15 sail bound for London. Wants a purser.	137
" 14	Wm. Badiley	[Navy Comrs]	Wants a bill of imprest for 100*l.*; will be out of pocket 30*l.* for board wages before he can receive it.	138
" "	Ri. Dighton, *Custom House, Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a survey made by Wm. Batty and 3 others of a boat left there belonging to the Plymouth frigate, and desires orders concerning her repair.	139, 140
" "	Laurence Holker, *Gravesend.*	"	His master, Jno. Morris, is at London. The Phoenix having received her necessaries has sailed, and the Sapphire will sail to-day.	141
" "	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Unicorn, Downs.*	Navy Comrs	Met the Sapphire in the Hope, and the cloth ship at Gravesend, and advised the latter to make for Margate Road, where he would meet her, there being no other convoy ship in the Downs.	142
" "	" "	Capt. Robt. Blackborne.	Is going to Margate Road to meet the Sapphire and the cloth ship. Capt. Smith wants a lieutenant and is willing to entertain the writer's brother-in-law, Lieut. Chaloner.	143
" "	J. Sprigge, *Richmond*	Adm. Com.	Is very sensible of Mr. Murcot's condition, and is glad he has such a friend as Blackborne. Will be in town to-morrow and call upon him.	144
" "	Wm. Thomas [Redclift].	"	Recommends the petition of Jer. Hassle, carpenter of the Littte Charity, for the new frigate building at Deptford, and the boatswain of the Little Charity as boatswain. Will attend him on his own business on Monday, at the Custom House or Westminster.	145

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1656. Aug. 15	Capt. R. Bowen, *Mayflower*, *Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Has discharged the clerk of the check and the steward as ordered, and entered in their room Jno. Marichurch, purser, who has taken an account of the remains of victuals; having received fresh supplies, hopes to sail this evening, but requires an order for stores. The Basing sailed yesterday, with Sir Jno. Reynolds, for Dublin. The Paradox has taken the man-of-war which he lost on Wednesday.	Vol. 144. 1
„ „	Rich. Brown, *Pembroke.*	„	Although the Basing and 2 other frigates were upon the coast last week, 2 small rogues took several vessels that came for coals, by which means they are well stocked with money, and lie where the State's frigates have not the art to find them. The Little Michael has been taken, and brought to Dublin Bay by Harleston, the pirate, who could not have less than 2,000*l.* A great whale was cast on shore near St. David's last Sunday, and if the people had not cut it up and carried it away, it might have been of good value, but the vice-admiral is now executing his power. The Basing has gone with Sir J. Reynolds to Dublin, and the Nightingale is about Calder, to secure the barks on their return from Bristol fair. Gave Mr. Marichurch his commission and instructions. Desires order to supply ships with necessaries for tallowing.	2
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Is glad to hear that Dillon and Ensome are taken, and hopes they and those with them will be safely kept. There are several Dutch and other ships riding in Torbay; two Italian friars, who came on shore, disowned the Popish religion, and declared that several of the ships had a great quantity of Spanish goods on board. Capt. Pley went on board the Dutch convoys, and desired a list of the ships, but they refused to give it, and there is not sufficient strength there to force them to it. Has ordered the Bryer and two others to join the ships there, and Capt. Heaton to go in one of them. Is repairing the Gainsborough.	3
„ „	Capt. Geo. Crapnell, *the Essex.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Begs to be removed into a smaller frigate, as he could do better service - - - -	4
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Captain Robinson has arrived with the Hull fleet, as also a prize with 41 men; desires order to fit her out for service among the sands, between Harwich and Lea. He reports, as well as Capt. Smyth, that the coasts are full of the enemies' men-of-war, and that they do not know how to secure the fleets. The Iceland fleet will be lost if some ships are not speedily sent to act as convoys. Several ships have been taken since the last 3 were ordered to lie upon the north coasts, and the herring fishing boats, the Hull ship with cloth for Dort, and others with lead for the Downs, are all waiting for a convoy. Asks who is to pay the prisoners' diet.	5
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston*, *Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Has come in with 15 sail from Hull, 14 laden with lead, and the other with cloth, also with the St. Ann of Ostend, of 5 guns and 41 men, which he took off Flamborough Head, and which will be very useful if employed between the sands. Lost his boat and 8 men in boarding her, and is now going northwards. Recommends his gunner, Geo. Hoggis, as commander to the prize.	6

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1656. Aug. 15	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Bristol, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	The Phœnix has arrived, and though he and Major Burton used all possible means to get a pilot, they could not obtain one until now; is about to sail.	Vol. 144. 7
" "	Ordnance officers -	"	Received their order for entering Edw. Oxinton armourer upon the quarter books, in place of Hum. Jones, but the books having been made up, desire order to make out a debenture for his last quarter's salary. Will place him on the books hereafter.	8
" "	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham Dock.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends an accounts of masts in the stores at Chatham - - - - - -	9
" "	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	"	Desires order to the storekeeper to deliver cordage, blocks, &c., for rigging the new frigate building at Deptford; also order for disposing of the 7 Flemish ships in the dock, as there is no room for any others that may come in, the moorings being bad.	10
" 16	Capt. Nath. Browne, the *Taunton, Chatham River.*	Adm. Com.	Has used all dispatch in refitting, and hopes to sail next Wednesday; is afraid he will lose several of his men. Has sent up his purser and gunner with their accounts, and to obtain supplies.	11
" "	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	Has just arrived from the fleet, which has done nothing of great concernment, save that at Vigo, in Galicia, and that at Malaga, where Capt. Smith burnt and destroyed most of the ships in the Mould, as also a galley, and spiked 6 pieces of ordnance. The greatest loss was when coming off, as they kept up a continuous fire, and killed and wounded 20 men. The fleet is in good condition, and can hold out for some time longer; the rear and vice-admiral are in Cadiz Road.	12
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Has come in by order of the Generals, and will require tallowing and revictualling. Chased a Biscay shallop, but being very foul from being off the ground so long, was forced to give it up.	13
" "	Thos. Newberry, *Portsmouth.*	"	Surveyed the remains of the gunner's stores in the Sorlings, and received his account. They expended 26 barrels of powder, and fired 500 rounds of double shot in the fight with the two Biscaneers; has laid on board sufficient to complete to 30 rounds.	14
" "	Capt. Jer. Smyth, the *Dunbar, Downs.*	"	The Assurance has arrived, with a packet from the Generals in the Straits. Will ascertain what further provisions can be stowed in the Dunbar. Could not send to Captain Whitehorne through contrary winds. Particulars of the sailing of ships.	15
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Took a survey, with Mr. Newberry, of the remains of boatswain's stores on Sorlings, and having sent her some anchors and sails, she is complete. Particulars of other ships. Desires order for supplying the Chesnut; asks the number of men she is to carry.	16
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Sends a letter from Mr. Sewell, and an offer of masts, which being wanted, desires order to purchase. Repair of ships.	17
" "	" "	"	Particulars of ships. Desires their provisions may be hastened down - - - -	18

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1656. Aug. 16	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston*, *Cromer*.	Adm. Com.	Since his letter of yesterday, has brought in a light fleet, as also a Dover ship that had lost her mast. Capt. Smith also came in with a laden fleet, and has gone out again. Desires the command of a smaller frigate.	Vol. 144. 19
„ „	Capt. J. Whitstone, *Phœnix*, *Yarmouth Roads*.	„	Has been waiting 3 days for a pilot, and for water casks, &c., but is now under sail, as is the Bristol. The 2 men they mention were cleared, either through sickness or disability for service. Had 3 or 4 idle fellows who ran, but has procured others.	20
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth* pink, *Winterton*.	„	Has arrived with 200 laden vessels from Newcastle. Did not fire a gun to call the Pearl off from chasing two Ostend men-of-war, but to give her notice of them, having himself chased them the day before for 6 hours, when they out-sailed him; Capt. Roberts, of the Preston, also went in pursuit, without effect.	21
„ 17	Capt. Willoughby Hannam, *Kentish*, *Chatham*.	Robt. Blackborne.	Will sail to morrow if his powder and other stores arrive from London; wants a gunner - -	22
„ „	Capt. Ri. Hodges, *Basing*, *at Sea*.	Adm. Com.	Met the Nightingale, which is to go with him as convoy to the vessels coming from Bristol fair, bound to Ireland, and the wind being contrary, they are plying about. Carried Sir Jno. Reynolds to Dublin, and showed his instructions to Lord Hen. Cromwell and the Council, which they liked, and added that he should also range as far as Cape Clear, when weather permitted. There are 2 small pirates lying about Saltes and Milford Islands, supposed to be consorts to the one taken by the Paradox.	23
„ 18	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for the making of a dry dock at Portsmouth for 3rd and 4th rate ships, cost 3,200*l*., the magistrates and inhabitants having offered 500*l*. towards the expense, but they are to see that the 500*l*. is first secured.	24
„ „	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Downs*.	Adm. Com.	Convoyed a vessel with provisions, and 5 others to the Downs, and having delivered the former to the commander-in-chief, waits orders.	25
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth*.	„	Delivered their letter to the captain of the Phœnix, who is a saucy jack; will report his carriage when he comes up. The Dragon and other ships have sailed; a convoy is wanted for the Iceland fleet and the fishers. On what they write concerning the prisoners, has given the poor women all the comfort he can, but hearing from them that they clear man for man at Dover, as fast as they are taken, desires order to do the same. Has now a master, Wm. Poolard, and his men, who were taken 14 days since, and who lost his (Burton's) ship, in carrying her into Nieuport; would be glad to turn them over.	26

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Aug. 18	Robert. Robins, John Albertson, bailiffs, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Formerly desired an order for payment of money expended for the diet and keep of prisoners brought in from sea, at 4*d*. per man per day; since then 41 more have been sent in by Capt. Robinson. Beg an order to Mr. Pewtinger, collector of customs, who has to deal with the prizes, for payment. Have also a great complaint to make against the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded, as they take no care for any put on shore, nor for payment of the charges, but leave it to them to disburse their own money, and get it as and when they can. Have written them several times, but to no effect, and having several sick men, hope some fit person may be appointed to take care of and make provision for them, and all others who may hereafter be sent on shore.	Vol. 144. 27
,, ,,	Col. Rob. Gibbon -	Robt. Blackborne.	Has sent the bearer to solicit a convoy by the time he returns from Kent - - - -	28
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has done his best to get his ship ready, and having nearly all his stores, will convoy the East Indiaman, and whatever vessels are then ready bound for the Downs.	29
,, ,,	Ordnance officers -	—	Account of contracts with powder makers named, noting what has been received and delivered and has to come in.	30
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Particulars of the sailing of ships, some of which will have to press for men. Recommends Lieut. Triggs of the Kent for preferment.	31
,, ,,	Capt. Jer. Smyth, the *Dunbar*, *Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a list of the Downs squadron, of those with Capt. Whitehorne off the Flemish coast, and of others gone as convoy, &c. Sent their letter to the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk and their packet to Capt. Whitehorne, as also notice of the taking of the North Sea fishermen. Capt. Pownall has received the stores sent for the Essex. The Hopewell has convoyed in a vessel from Plymouth, with 6 months' provisions for 200 men, which he has ordered Mr. White at Dover to receive, for such ships as may be sent in to repair and victual. The Advice came in for a new mast; as the frigates before Ostend and Dunkirk were out of beer, has sent 40 tuns by her for their present supply, and desires more may be sent from London.	32, 33
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	,,	Capt. Morris has sailed with the East Indiaman and other ships for the Downs. Cannot yet obtain the boatswain and carpenter's accounts; they ought to be signed by the commanders, and delivered in at any place where they have a survey and supply, and order given accordingly; does not supply stores without sufficient order. The beer for the Chesnut will be ready to ship by Friday.	34
,, 19	Aug. Aldridge, *Lidney, Dean Forest.*	Navy Comrs	The 20 or 30 loads of 2 and 3 inch plank ordered will be ready in 3 weeks. Has been attending upon Capt. Kingdom and Major Wade, but has sent up his accounts; shall make no more treenails in the woods, as there is much difficulty about it.	35
,, ,,	Ellis Morris and Rob. Pride.	—	Examinations of Mich. Rydley, constable of Southwark, Wm. Burganey, servant to Mr. Davies, storekeeper at Deptford, and note from Ellis Morris, prisoner in the White Lion Prison, Southwark, to Burganey, respecting the embezzlement of some of the State's nails by Morris and Pride.	36–38

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Aug. 19	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	[Adm. Com.]	Formerly advised his having drawn a bill on the Navy Treasurer for 400*l.*, for money taken up to carry on the public affairs; since then has taken a more particular account of the state of matters in the port, and of the amount owing for wages and stores; although the sums are small, they amount to 700*l.*; there will also be 500*l.* due for carting 500 trees from Hitcham Woods, part of which are already at Ipswich or Deptford. As these sums must be paid, hopes the money will be lodged with the Navy Treasurer. Has been ill for 3 or 4 days, but hopes to be able to go to the woods, to settle with the proprietor for the remainder, and will then return to London.	Vol. 144. 39
" "	Capt. Thos. Eliot, *Fagon, Catwater, Plymouth Sound.*	"	Has arrived with the 4 ships bound for Jamaica, and is ordered by Capt. Heaton to repair and tallow, being much damaged by two Holland men-of-war near Torbay.	40
	Major Rich. Elton,	"	Sent their orders for the Advice frigate. Several ships have arrived and departed. The merchants [of Hull] return thanks for the answer to their petition, and for the care taken of them and theirs.	41
" "	Capt. N. Heaton, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Commissioners had an account of his going to Torbay from Capt. Hatsell, but another will shortly come from a person better able to do it than himself. Blesses God that no blood was spilt, but for the honour of his nation; could not avoid going on board a Dutch frigate of 24 guns, on one side, and the Fagons on the other, as also another great Dutch man-of-war, to help his friend. Lay lashed fast for two hours, clashing swords and touching each other with pikes, and at length parted, but in spite of them, brought away one of their fleet, called the Golden Fox, bound to Malaga, and arrived with her and the Jamaica ships safely at Plymouth. The Fagons having been damaged, and being off the ground 5 months, is ordered into Catwater to repair, as is also the Bryer, Bramble, and Lark.	42
" 20	Capt. Jno. Smith, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Came in with 160 laden colliers; requires two topmasts, which Major Burton has promised to supply. Went towards Newcastle by his order, to tallow, but meeting 120 colliers from Sunderland, could not leave them open to the enemy without convoy, the coast being much infested. Has chased 8, but lost them through his ship being so foul; hopes, as Major Burton is at Norwich, he will give order for his tallowing.	43
" "	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch, Harwich.*	"	Has been ranging on his station and convoying ships; chased a small shallop, and would have taken her if his vessel had been clean. Has only 6 days' provisions.	44
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Has ordered the Taunton and Kentish to sail to the Hope	45
" "	John Pitt, *the Dunbar, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends a packet, as also an account of the provisions in the Assurance, which was omitted	46

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1656. Aug. 20	Capt. Jer. Smyth, the *Dunbar*, *Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sent the packet for Capt. Whitehorne, and encloses one from him; also an account of the provisions in the Assurance; has ordered a supply for 3 weeks, also some sails. The Grantham and Hopewell have sailed from the Downs, with a vessel laden with powder and ammunition for Portsmouth, and several others.	Vol. 144. 47
" "	Thos. Scott, Manley Callis, George Kendal.	Navy Comrs	Send particulars of a survey and valuation of the John's frigate, worth 177*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*; also account of wages and disbursements in a voyage from New England to London, and the amount due by the State to the owners for freight and the passage of 10 passengers named, total, 126*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*	48, 49
" "	Capt. Rob. Robinson, the *Preston*, *Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	Met a laden fleet of 200 sail off Flamborough Head, under convoy of the Weymouth and Pearl. Capt. [John] Smith having put that way in a chase; the Pearl having lost some of her masts, ordered her into the Roads, and the Weymouth to see the fleet to Winterton Ness, and if the coast was clear to return. Has not heard of any men-of-war upon the coast, but will endeavour to clear it of them northward, and bring a laden fleet that way, as the other two are southward.	50
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, Jno. Tippets, Jno. Dymock, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Comrs	Received a warrant to certify what ironwork is necessary for a year's service, but not knowing what ships may require such, send an abstract of the last two years' expenses; the medium may be taken as a fit proportion. When anchors are sent down or made, they ought to be proportionable, and their weights affixed; if the old rule of Blacksmiths' Hall were put in execution, they would be so, and fitter for the service.	51
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard*, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Sorlings has sailed with the East Indiaman and others bound for the Downs. Capt. Clerke wants fishing lines and hooks, and turtle irons; as soon as his beer and provisions are on board, he will go to Cowes to look for men, there being only the officers and their servants on board.	52
" 21	Capt. Thos. Eliot, *Plymouth.*	Navy Comrs	Sends the proceedings, &c., of a Council of War held on board the Bristol, on his late boatswain, Josias Topley, now gone to East India, for neglects and miscarriages, as also for threatening the master; as he has violated the 25th and 29th Articles of War, order that he be dismissed from his charge as boatswain; but considering his former services, his having been in several engagements, and having a wife and family, order that a ticket be given to him for his wages, and that the same be paid.	53, 54
" "	Capt. Willoughby Hannam, ***Kentish***, *Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Came from Queenborough Swale by order of Commissioner Pett. Hopes to have his provisions on board and be ready for orders next week.	55
" "	Capt. Jer. Smyth, the *Dunbar*, *Downs.*	"	Sends a letter from the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk. The Sorlings has arrived with the provisions for supply of the Downs squadron, and after they have been received into the Dunbar, she will return to her station. The Assurance will be ready to sail to-morrow.	56
" "	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Sorlings*, *Downs.*	"	Has arrived with 3 vessels under convoy from Portsmouth, and is ordered to his station by Capt. Smyth, who rides admiral.	57

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Aug. 21	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has sent the Kentish and other ships to the Hope, as ordered. Sends list of the knights chosen for Kent; thinks the Major-General has been too much undervalued, which he fears may prove a sad presage, but he and Shatterden are in competition, and polling.	Vol. 144. 58
,, 22	Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	,,	There being 6 Flemish ships belonging to the State, besides the Satisfaction, which have been riding in the heat all the summer, whereby their upper works are much shrunk and their decks split, they must be caulked and tarred before they will be fit for service.	59
,, ,,	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is daily looking for a convoy for the Iceland fleet, the herring fishery, and for some ships in the Roads, laden with cloth and lead of great value, bound for the Maas, all of which have been waiting some time, at a great loss. Has not lost any of the prisoners brought in by the ships, but as the gaol will not hold a quarter of them, is forced to keep them in two of the towers upon the walls, as also a strict guard, both of horse and foot; the three companies being small, they have hard duties. Is sorry the Admiralty Judges in Flanders will not exchange prisoners, and there is a great cry from the women. The enemies' captains offer to send to Ostend and Dunkirk, and get the Yarmouth men exchanged man for man, if allowed. The prize brought in by Capt. Robinson is fit for the service, but the Prize Commissioners will not deliver her up without order; is surprised that servants should turn masters; they ordered her to be sold, but, with much difficulty, he got them to put it off.	60
,, ,,	Capt. Ben. Gifford, *Landguard.*	Cols. Clarke and Salmon.	Desires payment of an account due to widow Johnson of Harwich, for quartering sick seamen, as she is likely to perish for want of common necessaries.	61
,, ,,	Col. Ed. Salmon, *Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	Received their letter at Hull. Finds those who convoyed the prisoners from Scarborough are at sea, but if they return, will observe orders. The Preston came in for water, and then sailed to look after a Dunkirker, which has taken a small cobble of Whitby, and after stripping her men of nearly all they had, put them on shore half naked. 100 sail have passed by, but standing out so far, could not see whether they had any convoy.	62
,, ,,	———	Navy Com^{rs}	Notes concerning the sizes and prices of masts to be sold - - - - -	63–5
,, 23	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order to make out a bill for the balance of 11*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* due to Thos. Simons, for making gold medals and chains for the fleet, he having received 2,000*l.* from the Prize Office. With Simon's accounts.	66–8
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to dispose in the State's yards 24 masts shipped by Rich. Bradshaw, agent at Hamburg, for the use of the navy, and certify their value. With Bradshaw's letter of 23 July, certifying their purchase; cost with freight, 440*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*	69, 70
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for supplying the Blackmore and Chesnut with harpooning irons and other fishing tackle, not exceeding the value of 10*l.*	71

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1656. Aug. 23	Capt. Jeremy Country, *Roe ketch, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Conducted a fleet of Lynn as far as the Spurn, and met Capt. Plumleigh, with several vessels for Hull; also the Preston, and joined her in chasing several of the enemy, but without success. Went with 3 vessels to Yarmouth, and convoyed 6 back to Lynn.	Vol. 144. 72
„ „	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advise, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Sailed from Mardike Pitts on the 21st, with Capt. Parker of the Cherriton, to meet the Iceland fleet, and when off Orfordness they chased a small pink; on being boarded by Capt. Parker, it was found she belonged to Yarmouth, and was bound for Flushing with buck seed, butter, wool, and leather, which they took and put on board the Cherriton. Has applied to Major Burton for information as to the Iceland fleet, and as soon as his ship is cleaned, will again set sail.	73
„ „	Thos. Eastwood, *Redbridge.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has bought 100 barrels of tar, which is being shipped for Portsmouth. Was forced to hire men to load Mr. Couldick's hoy with plank, and has presented a bill for 20*l.*, which is a small matter for the business done in the New Forest; the timber having been all brought down, the men expect their money, and 100*l.* will clear the business. Has sent an account to Commissioner Willoughby, who will satisfy them as to what money he has used and disbursed, besides his own expenses in converting and transporting timber by land and water, which have been great. Begs money to clear the workmen, to whom he has hitherto given content; also an order to employ Mr. Newlad's vessel to carry the rest of the plank from Redbridge to Woolwich; he will want the freight as soon as delivered.	74
„ „	Major Thos. Kelsey, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	As the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk refuse to comply with their proposals as to the general release of prisoners, has written to Canterbury and Dover, and strictly charged that what prisoners we have or shall have be safely secured. Knows nothing of the information received from Major Burton.	75
„ „	Thos. Newberry, *Portsmouth.*	„	Is glad his labour in drying the powder and making it fit for use has given satisfaction; regrets the loss of 13 barrels as waste. Will want 200 barrels of new powder for the stores; hears from the Ordnance officers that 250 are to be sent. Having borrowed 164 barrels for the Straits' fleet, has only 86 left.	76
„ „	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Leith Road*	„	Has cleaned and victualled his frigate, and sends the account, which is heavy, the spring tide being far spent and materials dear; is coming with a fleet towards London, by order of the General.	77, 78
„ 24	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	„	Delivered their orders to Capt. Plumleigh, and wrote them on the 19th, the day the Reserve and Dragon sailed with the Hamburg and other ships from the Humber.	79
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Tynemouth Bar.*	„	Particulars of his chasing a pirate, on 24 July, with the Pearl and Weymouth pink, by desire of Capt. Wilkinson; wishes they had known earlier that she was an enemy.	80
„ „	„	„	Came in with a light fleet, and convoyed another up the Spurn, where he met the Weymouth and sent her back with them and is now going to meet her or the Pearl. Has not seen any of the enemy for several days, but Capt. Wilkinson reports one to be on the Norfolk coast. Desires order for revictualling.	81

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1656. Aug. 25	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed a vessel with powder and ammunition to Portsmouth, and returned to Spithead; finding no orders, is advised by Capt. Thorowgood to join the Amity and return to his station.	Vol. 144. 82
" "	Capt. Hen. Clarke, *Chesnut, Portsmouth.*	"	There is neither brandy nor cider in the town; wants an order to obtain them; also for hooks, lines, irons, &c., and an order for payment of conduct money disbursed by 6 of his men in travelling from London to Portsmouth.	83
" "	Capt. Robt. Claye, *Sapphire, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Convoyed 3 English vessels from the coast of Holland to Yarmouth Roads, by order of Capt. [Rob.] Clarke, and is ordered by Major Burton to see some back.	84
" "	Capt. Rich. Ducie, *Wren pink, Yarmouth Roads,*	"	Is going to Harwich to victual, by order of Major Burton - - - - -	85
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell -	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Has been ill, but is better. Hopes to get the Gainsborough off next tide, having 3 lighters on each side of her, and is in hand with the Fagon and others. Will appoint a convoy for the Jamaica ships as far as St. George's Channel. Sends the names of 8 gentlemen chosen for Cornwall, as also of 4 others for Launceston, Truro, Penryn, &c.	86
" "	Ri. Kingdon, Thos. Hayter, *London.*	Adm. Com.	Have prepared the enclosed instructions for the better keeping of the State's accounts, in connexion with the iron works in Dean Forest; notwithstanding, leave it to their better wisdom.	87
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	"	Ordered the officers at Deptford to receive the John from Newfoundland from Capt. John Leverett; have surveyed her and find she is a serviceable vessel. Have received an account of the wages due, as also for freight of 3 passengers and some goods, together with the amount already received, and find there is a balance of 71*l.* due. As she was brought over by Capt. Robt. Henfield, who also brought Capt. Wm. Crispin and 11 other soldiers free, and as he has not received anything for his pains, recommend that he be appointed her commander.	88
" "	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Spithead.*	"	Has convoyed several ships for Newhaven, and returned with 6 others, and will proceed to Weymouth.	89
" "	Jno. Pitt, the *Dunbar, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will attend him or the Commissioners if required; has been busily engaged in their affairs for the last 6 months.	90
" "	Capt. Jer. Smyth, the *Dunbar, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends an account of the Downs squadron, with their provisions and stations. Mr. White of Dover, reporting that the provisions received from Plymouth were bad, but have been re-pickled, has supplied the Jersey, Essex, and other ships, and will send much that is aboard to be re-pickled. There is great want of the beer from London. The Unicorn and Wexford have arrived; the latter is not fit for further service, and is only a prey to the enemy. There is a Dunkirker of 32 guns between the Maas and the Texel, supposed to be the same that took the Culling.	91, 92

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Aug. 25	John Pitt, the *Dunbar, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne	Begs some remuneration for his services or discharge. Was employed under Mr. Creed at 40*l.* a year, but since Creed joined the fleet abroad, has received nothing.	Vol. 144. 93
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Has convoyed 70 London vessels; escaped surprise by a small man-of-war, and chased her, but was outsailed. Prevented her plundering a hoy from Norway. The Ostenders have taken 11 English and Scotch vessels out of one harbour in Norway.	94
" "	Adm. Comrs. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for cleaning the Assistance at Chatham, and victualling her for 4 months - - -	95
" 26	" - -	"	Order for refitting the Princess Maria, Elias, or Satisfaction, as a guard for securing the River Medway, and the ships moored there.	96
" "	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	"	Capt. [Hen.] Clarke of the Chesnut ketch at Portsmouth having paid conduct money to 6 seamen who travelled from London to Portsmouth, which the treasurer refuses to repay, the Admiralty Commissioners desires them to give the usual order.	97
" "	Capt. Willoughby Hannam, the *Kent, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in by order of Commissioner Pett. Received their several orders, and regrets he was unable, from circumstances mentioned, either attend them or to sail.	98
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	Will cause such as can speak materially in the matter to be examined, and signify their pleasure to Capt. Pley to do the like. The Golden Fox is at Plymouth, and the Sub-Commissioners for Prize Goods took the examination of the skipper and steersman, and sent them to the Commissioners for Prize Goods in London, but as she is laden with pipe staves, little can be discovered until she is unladen. The skipper lived in Ostend during the Dutch war, and cleared a ship taken by our frigates. Being a Papist, he is a fit fellow to manage this business. Has sent the Bryer and Bramble with the Jamaica ships bound to Carrickfergus. Particulars of ships, with depositions of Capt. Thos. Elliott, commander of the Fagon, Jno. Potter, master, Edm. Willmott, boatswain, and Nath. Elliott, master's mate; also of Capt. Nich. Heaton of the Gainsborough, that while at Torbay on the 9th inst., 40 sail wearing Holland, Hamburg, and Swedes' colours, under convoy of a Dutch admiral and vice-admiral, arrived and anchored in the bay; and two friars having gone on shore from that fleet, and deposed upon oath before Capt. John Pley, deputy vice-admiral of Devon, and the mayor of Dartmouth, that three of them, carrying Holland colours, were Ostenders, a search was demanded, and refused; whereupon some of the vessels were lashed to the State's ships, to prevent their sailing, but afterwards set free, save one called the Fox, which Capt. Elliott took and brought into Plymouth. They received much abuse from the Dutch, but gave none in return.	99, 100
" "	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Plymouth.*	"	Has cleaned and revictualled with all speed, and attends their commands - - - -	101

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1656. Aug. 26	Capt. Jno. Mackey, the *Yarmouth, Dover Road.*	Adm. Com.	Saw the Drake before Ostend; she put into the Wellings having sprung her mainmast. Took a small vessel bound from Rotterdam to Ostend with herrings, cheese, vinegar, &c., and has sent her to the Commissioners at Dover; the weather proving bad, was forced in there himself, as also the Tiger and Mermaid. It will be very dangerous for such ships to lie upon the coast of Flanders when the nights are dark, in regard of the many sands; will return with the first wind unless otherwise ordered. Encloses the cocket of the Holland vessel. The Tiger has broken her anchor and split her sails.	Vol. 144. 102
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Received theirs for the commander of the Kent, who will sail to-morrow; the ambassador being ready to go on board the Taunton, she will sail to-night.	103
" "	Capt. John Parker, *Cherriton, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	While with the Advice northwards, chased a vessel belonging to Yarmouth bound for Flushing; took 20 packs of wool and 40 dozen calf skins out of her, and then let her go, being too far out to tow her in, but has sent her and her captain's name to Major Burton. Convoyed 50 colliers from Newcastle to Winterton Ness, but was forced in by foul weather.	104
" 27	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	"	Sends a petition of the merchants of Hull for a convoy. A frigate has come in to victual -	105
" "	Major Thos. Kelsey, *Chatham.*	"	Has taken all care for securing the Dunkirk prisoners, but as the Commissioners for Prize Goods refuse to refund the amount disbursed by the mayor of Dover and others for their maintenance, desires they will take care that what he shall certify to be due is paid; otherwise shall be unwilling to expend any more.	106
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Burlington Bay.*	"	Convoyed 120 laden colliers from Tynemouth to the Norfolk coast, and when the weather permits, will see 80 large ships to the Bar. Expects there will soon be another fleet ready to come from Newcastle. Has spoken several vessels from Holland, bound for Newcastle, but cannot hear anything of the enemy.	107
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill for 300*l.* to Mary, wife of Vice-Admiral Goodson, on account of his pay.	108
" 28	" - -	"	Order for cleaning the Wren pink at Harwich, and victualling her for 3 months - -	109
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Rich. Kingdon and Thos. Hayter for 12*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for travelling expenses to and from Dean Forest, to take the accounts of Major Wade in the management of the iron works there, as also of Mr. Aldridge for felling and converting timber for the State; also for 10*l.* for their pains in the business.	110
" "	" - -	"	To make out a bill to Vice-Admiral Lawson for his pay and entertainment as vice-admiral of the fleet, from the time he was last paid, to 11 Feb. following, when he laid down his commission.	111

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1656. Aug. 28	Sir Jno. Barkstead, *Tower.*	Robt. Blackborne	Sends the petition of John Harrison to the Admiralty Commissioners, for an order for payment of his 2 years' arrears as minister in the Success, under Capt. Smith. Mr. Harrison is a near kinsman to Barkstead's father Allen, and thereby some relation to him; he has served as chaplain 4 years, is well affected, and has sustained many losses for his faithfulness; desires assistance in procuring him a warrant.	Vol. 144. 112, 113
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bowrey, *Drake, Flushing.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Having spent his mainmast in chasing a vessel, has procured another at Flushing, and drawn a bill of exchange on them for 15*l.*, payable to John Pitt, or order, which he hopes will be met, Pitt being well known, and ready to assist to the utmost of his power.	114
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Sailing of ships	115
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Is cleaning the Assistance; asks whether she is to be sent into the Hope or Swale	116
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^{rs}	Wants provisions to be sent down for the Assistance, and an order to unrig the 4 second rate ships, as the rigging will spoil if not taken down.	117
„ „	Capt. Giles Shelley, the *Guinea, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed with 2 Yarmouth vessels from Hull, laden with lead for Seine Head, by order of the commander-in-chief in the Downs; has been forced to anchor through contrary winds.	118
„ „	Capt. Jer. Smyth, *the Dunbar, Downs.*	„	Has not heard anything more of the printed libels. Will appoint the first vessel that arrives to transport Monsr. Lewis Rozin from Deal, as also to convoy the vessels bound that way. Sir Jno. Cochrane has gone on shore. Hears from Capt. Whitehorne that there have been some great storms on his side, and although the ships before Dunkirk are still safe, suggests the calling in of those before Ostend and elsewhere. The Sparrow and Truelove having brought in two Flemish pinks, has sent them to the Sub-Commissioners for Prize Goods at Dover; hears Capt. Mackey has sent in another. Wants beer for the Downs' fleet.	119
„ 29	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jno. Loverett, commander of the John, lately arrived from Accadia, for 71*l.*, due for his seamen's wages.	120
„ „	„	„	Order for refitting the John in the Thames, for service in the Channel.	121
„ „	„	„	Order for Capt. Thos. Alderne, to send 100 tuns of beer for the Downs' squadron	122
„ „	Thos. Lewis, *Victualling Office.*	—	Certificate that John Clifton, purser of the Worcester, passed his account till disabled by sickness from serving.	123
„ „	Capt. Rich. Ducie, *Wren pink, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in to clean and tallow, and when completed, will apply to Major Burton for orders	124

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Aug. 29	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will send the Gainsborough and another to Portpatrick and Carrickfergus, to convoy the Jamaica ships, and have a ship ready to carry the packet to the Generals. Particulars of ships and convoys. Hearing that 3 Ostend or Dunkirk men-of-war had taken a vessel near the Start, and freed her on payment of some money, ordered the Sorlings and Lark to range the coast, but they have not yet seen any.	Vol. 144. 125
” ”	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Their letter is satisfactory to all reasonable men, but not to the women whose husbands are in prison, and who, with their children, are likely to starve; is weary of their lamentations. As the Iceland fishers have arrived, will send Capts. Colman, Thomson, and Jno. Parker, as convoy with the herring fishers, after they have cleaned and tallowed. The ships for the Maas will sail to-night, under convoy of the Advice and Saphire, who are to stay 30 hours, to bring over such ships as are bound for England. As the Prize Commissioners' Deputy will deliver up the prize for the State's use, desires a commander may be appointed, and an order sent to procure what is necessary, for everything portable is always taken out of prizes; also an order to the deputy to pay the amount due for keep of prisoners.	126
” ”	” - -	”	Begs to report the arrival of the Iceland fleet, but some of the barks were separated by the ice on 5 July, and have not since been seen. Asks where they are to clean and victual. Capts. Colman and Thomson might be appointed as convoy for the fishery, as the fishers will not go without, and are waiting at a great loss, the Dutch meantime bringing in fish to serve the market.	127
” ”	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Elizabeth, Yarmouth.*	”	On the 9th ult., set sail with the Hull, Scotch, and Russia fleet, and after seeing them safe, went to Iceland, and came back with Capt. Thomson and 18 fishermen for England; but there were 18 more, besides a Bristol man, some of which have been driven awayby the ice. Anchored in St. Magnus Sound, where they met 4 of those lost, and then all proceeded for Yarmouth Roads, where they have safely arrived; Capt. Thomson has gone to see 4 Wells men to their port.	128
” ”	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Yarmouth Roads.*	”	Has convoyed in the Iceland fleet. Received 33 barks belonging to Yarmouth and other ports, and sailed from Wells Bay 17 Apr.; 8 left him without notice, but saw the rest on to the fishing grounds in the West Port, where they found such a plentiful supply that most of them had got their voyage by July. On the 5th, the wind from the N.W. brought in the ice, and forced away 8 barks; though the rest of the fleet was ready, waited several days for their return; set sail on the 30th, and met Capt. Colman, who had been sent to join him as additional security. Upon arriving at St. Magnus Sound, in the Isles of Orkney, found 4 of the missing barks, and brought them home with the rest, but 11 are still wanting. Hears from the Governor of Kirkway that one was taken, another put on shore, and two went into Leith. Desires further orders as to victualling, &c.	129
” ”	” - -	Navy Comrs	Has convoyed in the Iceland fleet, and having while there lost his boat in a storm, desires another.	130

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Aug. 29	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *the Preston, Spurn Point.*	Adm. Com.	Met the Iceland fleet, with their two convoys, 22 sail. Hearing there are some small rogues at the back of Yarmouth, hopes some men-of-war will be sent to look after them; has not heard of any vessel being taken. Has come in for some bread lent to the Pearl.	Vol. 144. 131
,, 30	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Weymouth.*	,,	Received their order, and will proceed with Col. Bingham, and 18 sail this evening - -	132
,, ,,	Capt. Nath. Browne, *the Taunton, Hope.*	,,	Will observe their orders for transportation of the Lord Ambassador, but has been hindered by contrary winds. Has received part of his goods, and his Excellency came on board with his retinue last Tuesday, accompanied by Lord Fleetwood, Sir Oliver Fleming, and others, the latter returning to Gravesend the same evening. The vessel that is to carry his horses is still at Gravesend, and he is desirous it should sail in their company.	133
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Penrose, *the Bristol, Orfordness.*	,,	Went to Long Sound with the Phœnix, but found the fleet had gone to Mardow, 12 leagues westward; the Fame coming in, sent her to them, and afterwards met them himself, when he found there were 60 sail. Sent the Fame and Adventure with 17 Newcastle and Hull men, and has brought the rest into the Hope, with the Portsmouth. Is returning to Yarmouth Roads, but Capt. Sansum wanting provisions is coming up. Hopes they will now grant the liberty he formerly petitioned for.	134
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Smith, *Pearl, Hull.*	,,	Having given Major Burton an account of divers chases after the enemy, whom he lost through the Pearl being so foul, was ordered to Hull to clean and victual; having received quick despatch from Major Elton, will sail with several vessels bound for the Roads.	135
,, 31	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	,,	Sends his accounts for cleaning and victualling the Pearl, and desires payment to his son, Ensign Rich. Elton. Has supplied the Preston with biscuit out of the stores.	136
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind, Harwich.*	,,	Has been plying between Orfordness and the Swinn, and came in to clean and victual. Will resail today.	137
,, ,,	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	,,	The Portsmouth has come in with the Norway fleet, and the Fame and others are expected -	138
,, ,,	Capt. Jer. Smyth, *the Dunbar, Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	Gave order for supplying the Grantham and Hopewell with 16 men out of the Dunbar and Unicorn, so that they will be ready to sail with the first wind. Wants a ten-oared pinnace built at Portsmouth, as he has nothing to go on shore in, or to send for packets, save one of two ugly and heavy boats he had from Deptford.	139
,, ,,	Rich. Hutchinson -	—	Accounts of the Navy Treasury Office for Aug. 1656. Receipts, 70,207*l.* 10*s.* 5½*d.*, payments, 68,778*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.*	140
Sept. 1	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order for refitting and victualling the Portsmouth at Chatham for 3 months, and for paying the wages of the officers and company as soon as she arrives in the Hope.	Vol. 145. 1
,, ,,	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	—	Account of provisions remaining in the stores to this date - - - - -	2

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Sept. 1	Adam Smythson, *Pevensey.*	[Navy Comrs.]	Asks a convoy for his ship, also for 4 hoys with timber, and for 2 barks, one of which is laden with iron. Could not sail before, the wind being easterly. There is an old woman living at Pevensey, who prophesied they would not get out for three months. She is accounted as very evil tongued, and, by report, has done a great deal of harm both to the people and their cattle. A shallop from Dieppe came in, and her men carrying some pieces of silk on shore to evade the duty, has seized it for the use of the State by order of the customs' officer, who is ill.	Vol. 145. 3
„ 2	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Swinn.*	Navy Comrs	Sends the tickets of men not fit for further service - - - - - - -	4
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to make out bills of imprest to Thos. Alderne for 3,000*l.* weekly for 8 weeks, to enable him to carry on the victualling.	5
„ 3	„ „	„	Order to make out a bill to Geo. Marsh for 25*l.*, in discharge of a bill of exchange sent, and to place the same as an imprest upon account to Capt. Edw. Blagg.	6
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Sends a return of ironwork required for the stores, as also a demand for provisions. Has contracted with Capt. Taylor for his masts at the prices formerly mentioned; desires the master shipwrights and some others may be appointed to view and certify upon them.	7
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	Has certified as to the goodness of the blocks, &c., used in the State's ships fitted out at Deptford since last April, and by choosing such as were fit, and returning the rest, the ships have been well supplied. Is desired to survey all the blocks, &c., as they are delivered by the maker, but that would not be so well, as when delivered, they seem better then than they afterwards prove to be, by the shrinking of the pine, &c.; and if he thus certified, it would clear the block maker and bring the blame upon himself, if they proved defective. The former pulley maker surveyed them as they were used; hopes nothing more will be expected of him than to take care for what is spent at Deptford; asks a warrant for the better carrying on of the work. Has received 1 ton of fag ends of hawsers, and 19 cwt. of small cordage from Mr. Pomefield, and as he spoilt his clothes with the tar in getting it in, hopes a reward. The former Commissioners granted him all the stones which the State's ships brought in to Deptford and Woolwich as ballast, the same as the master attendant had at Chatham, but they have been taken to pave the yards. Begs allowance for them.	8
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, and five others, *Chatham Dock.*	„	Have conferred together as to the sorts or ironwork needful for supplying the Sovereign and 6 other ships, and the magazine and stores for one year, and have applied to the officers of the yards at Deptford, Chatham, and Portsmouth, for information, and send their estimates with a summary of the whole.	9–14
„ 4	Adm. Com. -	„	Order to make out a bill to Ensign Rich. Elton for 38*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.*, disbursed by Major Rich. Elton, deputy governor of Hull, for cleaning and victualling the Pearl.	15

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Sept. 4	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell, messenger, for 6*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, disbursed by him for the service.	Vol. 145. 16
" "	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	"	Account of stores supplied to 2 ships which have sailed, also of provisions required for the stores at Harwich.	17
" "	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a survey of the Portsmouth; desires an order to the captain of the Assistance to sail to the Hope.	18, 19
" "	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	"	Shipped a quantity of biscuits in the Sapphire Merchant at Plymouth bound for Jamaica, but as order was not given to the Commissioners of Customs for passing it, the officers demanded the customs, whereby his agent was necessitated to deposit the money to clear the biscuit, otherwise it would have been seized. Desires orders to the Commissioners of Customs in London to give direction to their officers at Plymouth to refund the money so deposited.	20
" 5	Elia Palmer, Jno. Falkiner, *Ordnance Office.*	"	Upon proving the powder returned into the stores from the Grantham, lately arrived from the West Indies, found 20 barrels had been spoiled by salt water. As the powder makers refuse to take it, desire order for its disposal by sale or otherwise.	21
" 6	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	"	Sends a letter from purser of the Truelove, with a bill of exchange for 10*l.*, and asks whether to pay it.	22
" "	Wm. Wood, and 2 others.	Navy Comrs	Have surveyed the 24 Hamburg masts, which are the worst they ever saw, and not worth more than 9*l.* a piece, one with the other.	23
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Thinks the Assistance will be in the Hope this evening. The Portsmouth will be ready for the dry dock on Monday; desires order as to disposing of her men.	24
" 7	" "	"	Sends a letter from the captain of the Tiger, and will survey her to-morrow. Received their letters for Capt. Sparling and the captain of the Assistance, and sent them to the Hope.	25
" 8	" "	"	Sends a survey by Capt. Jno. Taylor and Phineas Pett, of the Tiger. Wants money sent down for paying the wages of the men of the Portsmouth; wishes Mr. Shish may survey the Gottenburg masts.	26, 27
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	To similar effect - - - - - - - - - - - - -	28, 29
" "	Capt. Thos. Bunn, *Great Charity, Falmouth.*	"	Sends some packets from Admiral Goodson, whom he left before Havanna with 13 ships named, waiting for the plate fleet. The Arms of Holland was blown up at sea, through a fire in the powder room, and only 5 saved, of whom the captain, whom he has on board, was one. Is out of provisions, sails, &c., and his men having the scurvy, can hardly handle his ship; will make for the Downs.	30
" 9	Adm. Com. -	Navy Comrs	Order for refitting and victualling the Tiger at Chatham - - - - - - - -	31
" "	Thos. Beddell -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the place of corporal in one of the ships bound for the West Indies, having served as a soldier for 11 years, under Lords Lambert and Fleetwood. With certificate of Rich. Elton and 3 others, that he served in Capt. Walter Brockett's company, in Lord Lambert's foot regiment, for 10 years, and is deserving of employment.	32, 33

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1656. Sep 9	Jno. Brown, *Harwich.*	Navy Comrs	Sends account of provisions supplied to the Nonsuch. The hoy has arrived with stores, which will be unloaded to-day.	Vol. 145. 34
” ”	Col. John Clerke, Navy Commissioner.	—	Examinations before him of Solomon Hobbs, boatswain of the Hector, and of Anne, wife of Christopher Bryan, seaman, as to the embezzlement by Hobbs of an anchor, and its sale for 14*l.* to Mr. Warren.	35, 36
” ”	Major Neh. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of a survey of some Flemish ships at Deptford; suggests one as the most fit for a careening hulk at Plymouth.	37
” 10	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	”	Has docked the Tiger, and sends a note of what is due to her company. Has endeavoured to give them content, but there appears some mistake as to what is due, some saying above 19 months, which will take 2,800*l.* to discharge.	38, 39
” 11	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Edw. Hopkins.	Particulars of officers on board the Satisfaction; asks whether there is any opportunity of sending to the fleet southward and westward, or any news received of them.	40
” 12	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Have conferred with able persons as to the lengths and sizes of the several sorts of iron work necessary for the stores at Deptford, Chatham, and Portsmouth for a year, and send particulars. If they are to be made in Dean Forest, some able smiths ought to be sent down to manage the work, or it may not answer expectation.	41
” ”	Adm. Com. -	Navy Comrs	Major Bourne having compounded with Mr. Andrews for 600 trees out of Mitcham Manor, co. Norfolk, and reserved on a grant of such manor to the city of London for the use of the navy, and there being 500*l.* payable by Andrews to the State on the composition, order to make out a bill of imprest to Major Bourne for the 500*l.*, towards defraying the expenses of converting and transporting such timber.	42
” 13	” ”	”	Order to take a strict account of the stores of the Hector, under the charge of Solomon Hobbs, boatswain, and then dismiss him, and stop his wages, he having embezzled and sold an anchor belonging to that ship.	43
” ”	” ”	”	Order to make out a bill to Hen. Pardo for 3*l.*, for his care in recovering the stores of the Islip frigate, which was cast away.	44
” ”	Thos. Meech, outstore keeper at *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of half a year's wages, stopped through his deserting his employment, while labouring under mental distraction, for which he was then not accountable. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners, and note that the consideration was deferred for the attendance of Commissioner Pett.	45
” ”	Thos. Arkenstall, Edw. Hayward.	Major Browne, Mr. Pulman.	Send an account of cables, hawsers, &c., which have to be made and delivered into the stores by them, and desire they will report to Commissioner Pett what quantity of hemp and tar will be necessary.	46

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1656 Sept. 13	Jno. Burrowes -	Adm. Com.	Petition for satisfaction for seamen's clothes lost in the Discovery, Cat pink, Islip, and Paragon, amounting to 149*l.* 19*s.* 7*d.* Deserted a good employment for this service, and has engaged his whole estate in it. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners, and their report that, as the clothes were shipped by the slopsellers for their own profit, and if issued to the men, were owing for by them, the State is not bound to make satisfaction, and has before refused in much clearer cases.	Vol. 145. 47, 48
" "	Capt. Philemon Pownell, *Eaglet*, *Downs.*	Navy Comrs	Sends a muster book, and sent another when he took command last June. Has had many men run, as they get more pay in colliers and merchantmen, and those with him only stay for their arrears. Succeeded in destroying a double shallop and chased another. Desires an exchange, as coming from Jamaica he will suffer from the cold, this winter.	49
" 14	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	The completion of the joiners' works on the London and other ships occasions the discharge of many joiners, whose wages amount to 150*l.* As some live remote, and as the work performed by Mr. Bostock amounts to 1000*l.*, has granted him a bill of imprest for 100*l.*, to pay the men who are most clamorous; he promises to clear that amount, with the rest of his imprest, when his bills are paid.	50
" 15	Capt. Wm. Haddock, *Hannibal*, *Downs.*	"	Has had very rough weather since leaving the Thames; several of his men were hurt heaving the anchor, and one since dead; left several behind, through being hurried away; desires order to the commander in the Downs to supply him with as many as he wants. Asks whether the frigates bound to Gen. Blake have sailed from Portsmouth, as he was to go in their company.	51
" 16	Adm. Com. -	Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasr	Order to pay to Jno. Maidstone, on a Council order of 5 Sept. 1656, 4,000*l.* for the occasions of his Highness' household, out of the 30,000*l.* to be received of the Portugal money, and to be be repaid by Maidstone out of the first money he receives from the Exchequer.	52
" "	" - -	Navy Comrs	Order for cleaning and refitting the Dragon, coming up from the Nore for Woolwich or Chatham, and for victualling her for 4 months.	53
" "	" - -	"	To make out a bill to Jno. Powell, messenger, for 5*l.*, disbursed by him for the service - -	54
" "	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Sends notes touching cordage, hemp, and tar, having little in the stores for setting out a fleet; hoped a supply on the last return of the east country ships. Will be ready to launch the Portsmouth and Tiger by Monday. Mr. Cooling has just come into the yard distracted. How much we are beholden to God in keeping us!	55
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Has sent up Fortescue by Mr. Hill, who apprehended him last evening, and lodged him in the Dolphin gaol at Rochester, by warrant of the Major-General. Cannot ascertain that he was a designer or plotter against the present power or navy, and therefore did not examine him, but has sent him up to Whitehall.	56
" 17	Robert Henfield -	—	Certificate in favour of Jno. Hewell to be gunner on the Accadia frigate at Deptford - -	57

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	Refer-ences.
1656. Sept. 18	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs	Order for an abstract to be sent daily or weekly to the Navy Treasurer, of all bills and tickets henceforth signed for payment of money, also an abstract of such bills as have been signed by them since 1st Jan. last. To prevent the many frauds and deceits formerly practised, he has received directions not to pay any bills or tickets until such abstracts have been received.	Vol. 145. 58
" "	John Browne, *Harwich.*	"	Has been to Ipswich, to treat with the ropemakers for 10 tons of cordage, but they have not sufficient for rigging several new ships. One or two have engaged to work up a parcel of Riga hemp, if sent down, at 2*s.* 6*d.* per cwt. A man at Harwich has two tons of yarn and hemp, which he will work into any size for 45*s.* per cwt. ready money.	59
" "	Jno. Dymock, *Portsmouth.*	—	Account of the remains of provisions in the stores	60
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Has passed a bill to Capt. Taylor for his masts and deals, which amount to 1,200*l.* Sends certificate of a survey by Mr. Shish and the assistant of the other provisions. If the State saves but little by this bargain, it will be the means of bringing the prices down. Notes of ships.	61
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Expects the Dragon up to-morrow. Has had a survey of her defects. Will launch the other two next Monday.	62
" 19	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs	Order for victualling the Accadia for 3 months for 45 men	63
" "	"	"	Order to make out a bill to Thos. Alderne for 4,000*l.*, payable out of 14,000*l.* appointed by a Privy Seal of 14 June 1656, for 6 months' provisions for 4,000 men belonging to the fleet and forces at Jamaica.	64
" "	Aug. Aldridge, *Lydney, Dean Forest.*	"	Has brought down the timber for the frigate building at Lydney, and laden Mr. Baylie's vessel, and he has returned for Bristol and is coming back for more. Has 600 tons of timber and treenails ready to be shipped; asks what to send. Noted, to send beams 38 and 39 feet long, also some knees and treenails, and not to use any timber for the new frigate but what is not fit to transport.	65
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Westminster.*	"	Sends an account of disbursements in fitting out ships at Plymouth, 951*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, for which he has drawn a bill upon the treasurer, and desires it may be met, as there are other sums owing, for which no account has yet been delivered.	66
" "	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Send a letter from Capt. John Taylor, recommending Thos. Coleman and Robt. Burrowes as carpenter and cook in the Satisfaction, appointed to guard the Medway.	67, 68
" 20	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs	Order for cleaning and refitting the Essex and Jersey at Portsmouth, and victualling them for 4 months.	69
" "	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	"	Could not procure cordage when at Ipswich, but has since had an offer from a ropemaker there to deliver 10 or 12 tons within a month, at 46*s.* 6*d.* per cwt. ready money.	70
" 21	Capt. John Smith, *Pearl, Flamborough Head.*	"	Desires they will stop a ticket in favour of Wm. Joyce, surgeon's mate of the Pearl, it having been obtained by fraud from the master and purser by Jno. Gooderich, late surgeon.	71

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1656. Sept. 22	Prize Comrs., *Prize Office.*	[Navy Comrs.]	Certify that Capt. Gabriel Sanders, of the Tiger, has never received any money or compensation from them for taking the Hare in the Field, or for his attendance before the Admiralty Court and bringing his witnesses from Portsmouth, on behalf of the State.	Vol. 145. 72
" 23	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^rs	Order for paying off at Woolwich the Great Charity, lately returned from the West Indies	73
" "	"	"	Reference of accounts of provisions delivered at Hull by Major Elton for the use of the Elizabeth, Adventure, and Weymouth, which they are to charge upon the respective officers of each ship.	74
" "	"	"	Order to confer with Capt. Alderne and others as to what else is needful to be sent for supply of ships named at Jamaica, to complete the stowage of the William; with account of stores shipped in her.	75, 76
" "	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has written to Major Wade, at Dean Forest, for a quantity of iron hoops, as he can supply them cheaper than they can be bought in London.	77
" "	Robert Blackborne	Navy Com^rs	Is desired by the Admiralty Commissioners to request they will make out a bill for 1,000*l.* to Mr. Fithey, for hemp purchased of him.	78
" "	Jno. Falkiner, *Tower*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks the Admiralty Commissioners' leave to send 30 tons of broken ordnance to ballast a ship bound for the East Indies, for which the merchants offer 20*l.*, and to return it on completion of the voyage.	79
" "	Comr. Peter Pett *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Account of ships. As Fortescue, the gunner, cannot find sufficient bail, his actions being so notorious, he is still confined in Upnor Castle. Asks what to do with him.	80
" "	"	Navy Com^rs	To like effect.	81
" "	Thos. Scott, *Cherriton, Ostend.*	Jno. Grant, Birchin Lane, Cornhill.	Joined his ship in Yarmouth Roads on the 7th inst.; the captain, going on shore next day, met the purser of the Expedition, who told him he heard him (Scott) make answer before the Commissioners at Whitehall about being left behind, which answer was true. On returning to the ship, the captain so abused and assaulted him that he fears he will take his life; he has also threatened to have him tried by a council of war for not taking in sufficient beer and other provisions, whereas it has been found there is some to spare; also to ruin him and his surety. Desires assistance in getting him removed, otherwise will write the Commissioners himself.	82
" "	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Hull.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires a long boat and stores, being appointed as convoy to the herring fishery	83
" "	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Leith Roads.*	Navy Com^rs	Apologises for sending the counterpart of the tickets of men discharged; will observe their orders thereon for the future. Wants sails and canvas, as it is a bad coast to lie upon in the winter, with only one suit.	84

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Sept. 24	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a note from Anth. Wells at Hull, that he cannot procure any foreign hemp, but a merchant has 90 cwt. of English, at 32*s.* a cwt., and that 300*l.* or 400*l.* worth of cordage can be made at Hull in a short time at 36*s.* a cwt. Desires their declaration for victualling for the ensuing year, so that he may know how to provide, as prices rise.	85, 86
„ „	Jno. Coledick, Thos. Sterling, *Gosport.*	Navy Comrs	Desire a convoy for their hoys laden with plank for Woolwich, and consideration of their charge for wages, victuals, and loss of time. Lay in Stokes' Bay fully freighted 19 days, expecting a convoy which never came.	87
„ „	—		Account of prize goods received on board the Resolution from the Elias and Galleon prizes -	88
„ 25	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Send the bill of lading of the Great Charity from India, and desire they will appoint a person to join Capt. Bunn in taking an account of the cocoa sold to Martin Noel.	89
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for building a 5th rate frigate at Portsmouth, of the same dimensions as the Primrose, lately cast away.	90
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Mr. Arkenstall and the officers of the Tiger think her master not fit for the place, being no coaster and a common tippler. Wishes they had as much power as to do aged persons good. The gaining of the ruinous college at Rochester for the chest from the Lord Protector or Parliament might be some help, and an order ought to be forthwith obtained to prevent the giving of it away, or stealing the remainder of the lead, which, of late, has been sorely wasted. The poor seamen would have much cause to bless such as should be instrumental in effecting so charitable a work.	91
„ 26	Jno. Davies, *Deptford.*	—	Account of cordage in the stores at Deptford - - - - - - -	92
„ 27	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Send a contract between the Admiralty Commissioners and Capt. Jno. Child for 5,000*l.* worth of French canvas, at 18*s.* a bail of 296 yards, for the navy, and desire they will give order for surveying 110 bales, sent in the Amity from St. Malo, and if found of the quality contracted for, give order for its delivery into the stores. Also order a mainmast for the Hind ketch.	93, 94
„ „	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	„	Has concluded with the ropemaker at Harwich, and broken off with the other. Asks if he shall purchase 4 tons of cordage, at 45*s.* per cwt. The Roe ketch has been in to tallow and victual, and is gone to her station.	95
„ „	Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	„	Account of ships fitting out at Deptford - - - - - - - -	96
„ „	Stephen Skewes, *Fame, Leith Road.*	„	Washed and tallowed at Burnt Island, but has been prevented getting in his provisions by the extraordinary foul weather.	97
„ 29	Capt. Jeremy Country, *Roe ketch, Harwich.*	„	Sends two muster books. Came in with several vessels under convoy on the 22nd, and has cleaned and victualled for 10 weeks, and will return to his station off Lynn Deeps.	98

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Sept. 29	Elia. Palmer, Jno. Falkiner, *Ordnance Office.*	Adm. Com.	Have shipped 20 tons of broken and unserviceable iron ordnance to Mr. Bancks and his partners, and have 15 tons more on Tower wharf; but as it may be made serviceable at little charge, will substitute the same quantity of broken and unsized cast shot, which is of less value, and encumbers the stores.	Vol. 145. 99
” ”	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	”	Sends a survey by Capt. Jno Taylor and Thos. Arkenstall of defective provisions in the stores. Is exceeding glad to hear of their willingness to further so charitable a work as procuring the college at Rochester for the use of the chest. The church and ground whereon it stands evidently belong to the State, and no portion has ever been sold; such like property was exempted from the Act for Sale of Bishops' and Deans' and Chapters' Lands, but if granted for the use of the chest, some things may be discovered which are at present concealed. There are from a quarter to half a year's arrears still due to the poor wounded seamen.	100, 101
” ”	Jno. Willgresse, *Blackmore, Spithead.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a muster book and account of the remains of provisions and stores - - -	102
” 30	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for cleaning the Vulture at Harwich and victualling her for 10 weeks - - -	103
” ”	Capt. Jno. Best, *Adventure, off Fair Lee.*	Capt. Smith and the Adm Com.	Sends report of a council of war on board the Reserve, respecting the charges made against him by Jonas Palmer, carpenter, and other officers of the Adventure, of having and circulating a book received from the Harrisons of Scarborough, entitled "A letter from a friend out of the country to a Christian brother" and containing much scurrilous language against his Highness; as also for asserting that the war with Spain was very unjust, as we should not take other princes' lands. It being found that such charges arose more from malice than truth, the whole matter was referred to the commander-in-chief in the Downs. If the Admiralty Commissioners will own their printed instructions, they must also own him, as he has done nothing but what they told him therein, *viz.*, to strictly examine his officers, as also the stores. His doing so gave rise to these malicious reports; complains of the ill conduct of the carpenter, boatswain, and purser, and desires they may be removed. Wishes 2 muster books.	104, 107
” ”	W. C [ooling ?] -	Mr. Simpson, *Dover.*	Apologises for his miscarriages and uncomely deportment when at Dover, and is willing to make reparation for any damage upon receipt of particulars. Draft, with another draft of private letters.	108, 109
” ”	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Leith.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has drawn a bill on them for 28*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.*, received of Edw. Booth of Leith, to clean the Nonsuch frigate, and desires it may be paid.	110
Oct. 1	Jno. Browne, *Chatham Dock.*	Thos. Turner.	Sends account of hemp, tar, yarn, &c., in the ropeyard at Chatham - - - -	Vol. 146. 1
” ”	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has drawn a bill upon them for 216*l.* 8*s.*, and hopes it will be paid. Cannot conveniently attend them, so has sent his son up with his quarterly accounts.	2

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Oct. 1	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Ask whether to pay the wages due to the company of the Arms of Holland, blown up on coming from Jamaica, as their relatives are daily appealing for a settlement.	Vol. 146. 3
" 2	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to pay the wages due to the said relations - - - - - -	4
" "	" - -	"	Order to sell some old ships named by the candle, reserving the tackle, guns, and carriages, and to allow any creditors of the State to make an offer for them, and deduct the purchase money from their accounts. Any money or bills given for them to be paid to the Navy Treasurer.	5
" "	Ebenezer Hughes -	Adm. Com.	Petition for renewal of his warrant as master carpenter of the Satisfaction, having served in her for 3 years. With certificates of Manley Callis, and Geo. Kendall.	6–8
" "	Wm. Smith, *Woolwich Ropeyard.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Account of cordage, cables, &c., in the ropeyard - - - - - - -	9
" 3	Adm. Com. -	"	Sends the petition of Thomasin, wife of Nich. Salmon, mariner of the Mathias, now at sea, and desire they will summon her landlady before them, and arrange for the payment of a year's rent due, she having threatened to turn her out.	10
" "	" - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to send an estimate of the debts charged on the navy to 1 Nov. next, both for provisions and wages, and to send to the respective yards for an account of all bills that have been signed.	11
" "	" - -	"	Order for paying off the Wexford in the river, and for a survey of her defects - - -	12
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends some accounts and receipts for fitting out ships at Plymouth, amounting to 574*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, for which he has drawn a bill, as also another for 138*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.*, disbursed for ordnance and ordnance stores; desires they may be paid	13
" "	Jno. Falkiner, *Ordnance Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks a convoy for the Amity of London, with ordnance and carriages for the 5th rate frigate building by Jno. Tippetts at Portsmouth.	14
" "	Robt. Willis, *Leith* -	Navy Com^{rs}	Being ordered by Gen. Monk to sail with the Pearl for the Hope, and requiring money for pilotage and other matters, gave Edw. Booth a bill for 3*l.* taken up, and desires it may be paid.	15
" 4	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order for cleaning the Assurance at Chatham, and victualling her for 4 months - - -	16
" "	Jno. Falkiner, *Ordnance Office.*	"	Sends account of ordnance provisions shipped in the Nonsuch in the Hope for the forces in Scotland.	17
" "	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Spithead.*	Capt. Jer. Smyth, comr.-in-chief in the *Downs.*	Had a meeting of the commanders of 5 ships named on board the Reserve, to consider the differences between Capt. Best and his officers, and sends the papers. Although the articles exhibited against Best are only signed by Jonas Palmer the carpenter, the gunner, purser, and boatswain, have a hand in the matter. It all arose from the captain's narrow inspection into their actions, and his often calling them to account; the boatswain is now absent without leave. Have had heavy storms, and the ships are damaged, but will return to their stations the first opportunity.	18
" 6	David Lambert -	Navy Com^{rs}	Is desired by his father, Capt. Jno. Lambert, to apply for settlement of his account for disbursements in impressing men for the Lion.	19

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Oct. 6	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Send a survey made by Manley Callis of the defects of the Wexford	Vol. 145. 20, 21
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a demand for hemp and cordage. The Dragon will sail tomorrow; as the Assistance is ready for her victuals, desires they may be sent down.	22
,, ,,	Peter Pett, *Chatham*	Adm. Com.	Sends an answer to their letter of the 3rd instant	23
,, 7	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Martin Noel for 2,000*l.* paid by his correspondent at Lisbon to Rich. Creed, deputy treasurer of the fleet, for the fleet there.	24
,, ,,	,,	,,	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell, messenger, for 35*l.* 15*s.* 11*d.* disbursed for the navy	25
,, ,,	,,	Major N. Bourne, Capt. Jno. Taylor, Manley Callis.	To re-survey the Wexford frigate, and certify what repairs are needful to make her serviceable	26
,, 8	Thos. Pointer, *Speaker, Bay of Wyers.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Several ships have gone for England, Gen. Blake and 3 others for Cadiz, where the rest of the ships are. The squadron is in good condition, but may be forced home by want of supplies.	27
,, ,,	Devereux Wiatt, *Adventure, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Being accused by Capt. Best of dishonesty with regard to the provisions, and the entry and discharge of men, and he having sent up a muster book in support of the charge, encloses his general muster book, as purser, with particulars of the services of each man.	28, 29
,, 9	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to pay the wages of the captain, and such of the company of the Arms of Holland as were saved when she was blown up.	30
,, ,,	Jno. Parker, *Cherriton, Dover Road.*	,,	Lost an anchor in a storm while laying before Ostend, and another in Dover Road. Met Mr. Bowden of London, and he having lost all his anchors and cables, and being richly laden with canvas, lent him a cable. Has 12 butts of stinking beer, but has had a fresh supply.	31
,, ,,	Thos. Turner, *Navy Office.*	,,	Account of stores shipped in the William, for supply of ships named at Jamaica	32
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby.	,,	Desires order for the sale of 10 or 12 tons of old cordage, and 4,000 or 5,000 yards of old sails in the stores at Portsmouth.	33
,, 10	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of damage done to his ship by a violent storm while making for the Downs from the Nore; loss of masts, sails, boats, &c.; she being very leaky, desires order to come in to repair, and increase of his men.	34
,, ,,	Edw. Matthews	,,	Petition for a gunner's place in one of the new frigates building at Deptford or Portsmouth, having so served in the Wexford. With certificates of Capts. Fenn, Allgate, and Holland, and the Ordnance officers.	35–37
,, ,,	Navy Comrs.	,,	Send an estimate of debts which stand charged on the navy for wages and provisions	38
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	Particulars of ships	39

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1656. Oct. 11	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has examined Maplesden's accounts for timber bought into the stores at Chatham between June 1654 and Mar. 1656, and finds he delivered 4,170 loads of 4 feet timber and plank, which, with the charges for converting, land, and water carriage, &c., amounts to 8,529*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* There is a balance of 256*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* due to Mr. Beeching, and 264*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* to Mr. Blinkhorne, which Maplesden will pay out of the first money he receives. Has cancelled and sent up all his receipts, and drawn a bill ready to pass, but the amount expended being over 8,000*l.*, has declined to sign it until further order. As the business has been well and frugally managed, thinks Maplesden well deserves the allowance of 1*s.* 6*d.* in the pound, promised on all money laid out on buying broom, furze, &c.	Vol. 146. 40
,, ,,	Adm. Com.	,,	Order to pay off the Cornelian in the river, and have her surveyed	41
,, ,,	,,	,,	Order to examine the accounts sent of Major Elton, for stores snpplied to the Preston and Expedition, and see that they are charged on the boatswains and carpenters; also to send the accounts relating to ordnance stores to the ordnance officers.	42
,, ,,	Edw. Booth, *Leith*	,,	Sends account of money disbursed in washing and tallowing ships; desires payment, and an allowance for his pains.	43
,, 13	Jno. Barnard, *the Hampshire, Plymouth.*	,,	Sends two muster books; has not sent them as often as his instructions direct, the entries, runs and discharges being so small.	44
,, ,,	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	,,	Mr. Bowman, master of a ship of London, will accept a load of timber, and has written his owners to agree about the freight.	45
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham Dock.*	,,	Is much importuned by the workmen in the yard for their quarter's wages; they allege that through being compelled to live upon trust, they can scarcely clear their scores; has sent up one of them, and hopes he will receive a favourable reply.	46
,, ,,	Thos. Wright, *Fame, off Scarborough.*	,,	Begs acceptance of a bill of exchange, drawn in favour of Edw. Booth, agent to the victualler at Leith, for tallowing and victualling the Fame.	47
,, 14	Adm. Com.	,,	Order for sending a best bower cable of 13 inches in the Dunbar for the Nonsuch in the Downs	48
,, ,,	,,	,,	Order to pay off the Drake in the Medway, and have her defects surveyed	49
,, ,,	,,	,,	Order for the navy victualler to put 14 days' petty warrant victuals on board the Satisfaction, and to furnish her with more as required, she being appointed to guard the Medway; also for Capt. Tatnell to see that what is necessary is supplied.	50
,, ,,	Hen. Champlyn, *Plymouth.*	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Whitehall.*	Fras. Williams and Jno. Markes have been released, and have come home from Passage in exchange for Capt. Mich. Lorance, a Biscay captain. Rich. Rinicom, servant of Mr. Cutts of Dartmouth, has also come over with them, being released through the influence of the wife of Baltazar Gillion, a prisoner here, whose release should be ordered. There are 22 prisoners still there, being mostly captains of ships; desires an order to obtain their release, or exchange for Cox, Meader, and others.	51

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1656. Oct. 14	Ordnance Officers -	Adm. Com.	Find, on examination of the accounts, that 2,411 barrels of gunpowder were repaired by the powder makers between 10 Nov. 1654 and 13 July 1655, at a cost of 2,049*l.* As a large quantity still remains in the stores, and much more may be shortly expected from ships at sea, suggest, as a saving to the State, the erection of a stove, at a cost of 80*l.*, to dry powder, and the appointment of a stoveman at 40*l.*, and an assistant at 20*l.*, to separate the good from the bad, and to head up the latter for regrinding at the mills.	Vol. 146. 52
” ”	” ” -	—	Account of ammunition and arms in the stores - - - - - - -	53
” 15	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to examine and certify when the storekeepers' bills or certificates were issued for making out bills for payment of 4 sums named, which should have been paid long ago, if demanded.	54
” 16	” - -	”	Order for cleaning the Taunton, Bristol, and Phœnix, at Portsmouth, and victualling them and the Jersey for 6 months, they being intended for the Straits.	55
” ”	” - -	”	Order for the graving and refitting of the George and Unicorn for the same service - -	56
” ”	” - -	”	Order to furnish Capt. Robt. Duck, of the Hunter, with boatswain and carpenter's stores mentioned on indentures.	57
” ”	” - -	”	Order for receiving 37 bundles of hemp, bought at Rotterdam, for the navy, and brought over into the stores at Woolwich, and for a survey to be taken thereof.	58
” ”	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send Thos. Coleman, carpenter of the Satisfaction, and his statement as to having prevented the former carpenter from embezzling various stores while the ship was at Deptford.	59, 60
” ”	T. Lodington, *Victualling Office.*	”	Desires order to Capt. Thorowgood to supply workmen and materials for buildiug the bread rooms in the Loyalty at Portsmouth.	61
” ”	Ordnance Officers -	”	Delivered 525 barrels of old powder to Thos. Warren, as ordered, and have had 499 good returned.	62
” ”	” ”	—	Account of powder received and issued between 1 Dec. 1655 and 16 Oct. 1656 - - -	63
” ”	J. Larke, Sam. Cooper.	—	Attested account of disbursements of 1,073*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* for the sick and wounded - - -	64
” 17	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	The Seventure was hired to attend Gen. Penn's fleet when bound to the West Indies, but did not complete the contract, Rob. Kennedy, her master, declining to undertake so long a voyage; leave the consideration of what is due for freight for the time she was employed to the Admiralty Commissioners.	65
” ”	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for graving and fitting the Unicorn and George at Chatham, instead of at Portsmouth, and victualling them for 8 months, for 300 and 320 men, they being appointed for the southern expedition.	66
” ”	” - -	”	Order for refitting at Chatham the Merlin galley, lately returned from the Straits, and victualling her for 3 months' for service in the Channel.	67
” ”	” - -	” and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages of the company of the Diver hoy at Deptford - - - -	68

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1656. Oct. 17	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to pay off the officers and company of the Falcon flyboat, lately arrived at Portsmouth from the West Indies.	Vol. 146. 69
„ 18	„ - -	„	Order to pay the wages of the officers and company of the Bristol, Jersey, Taunton, and Phœnix, refitting at Portsmouth, as soon as they arrive at Spithead, reserving 3 months' in hand, as customary.	70
„ „	T. Lodington, *Victualling Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends account for the Commissioners of provisions shipped in the Jonathan and Abigail, John and Abigail, and Loyalty, for Gen. Blake's fleet in the Straits.	71, 72
„ „	„ „	Navy Comrs	Certifies that Capt. Rich. Penhallow, of the Beaver, has passed his victualling accounts - -	73
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has finished the building of the bread room in the Loyalty and she is taking in the provisions. Movements of other ships. Has received two expresses, one from Geo. Pley, at Weymouth, and the other from the deputies to the Serjeant-at-arms attending there on Jno. Ashburnham, who is to go to Guernsey, desiring that either the Amity or Hopewell may carry him, but has not heard of either for several days; the Jersey can be sent, if ordered.	74
„ 19	Capt. Rich. Newbery, the *Gloucester, Downs.*	„	Sends accounts of stores, &c., wanted by the ships in Jamaica. Received orders from Adm. Goodson to sail for England with the Torrington and 3 others. Left Adm. Goodson with his squadron 10 leagues from Havanna. In coming over, were separated by a violent storm; when off Scilly, chased 3 Ostend and Dunkirk men-of-war, but as they ran away, spoke the Hampshire to follow up the pursuit. The Gloucester and the others come over are much out of repair and require docking; they have altogether over 50 Spanish prisoners on board.	75–81
„ 20	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Sends a contract between Capt. Thos. Fleet and Ben. Gillom, for the repair of the Falcon flyboat at New England for 111*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.*; also an account of the number of masts, bolts, and pipe and hogshead staves brought over in her, with reasons for their being loaded on her, by Dan. Gookin and 2 others. Also two accounts by Thos. Broughton of disbursements for her; and a survey of her defects by Jno. Anderson and Jas. Garrett. Hopes Capt. Thorowgood has supplied what was desired. Has spoken to the captain of the Falcon as to charging bills upon the treasurer, but it was simply for victuals and carpenters' work for the Falcon, without which she could not have kept at sea, as also the reason of his taking a freight. Asks when to launch the new frigate, and what name to give her.	82–87
„ „	Capt. Jer. Smyth, the *Dunbar, Downs.*	„	The Taunton having been forced back, will detain her for the other victualling ships. The Jonathan and Abigail have sailed with the Jersey, and the Dartmouth has come in to clean and victual; as Capt. Plumleigh's father-in-law is dead, he desires leave to go to London for 5 days, while she is supplied. Capt. Pownall, of the Eaglet ketch, desires to resign; the purser of the Amity is dead. The Beaver has gone to Deptford, by order of Capt. Hatsell, and the Gloster and Dover have arrived from the West Indies. Sends a packet brought by Capt. Newberry, of the Gloster, and an account of the Downs squadron.	88

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1656. Oct. 20	Capt. Hen. Powell, the *Portland, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Left the fleet off Havanna, by order of Gen. Goodson, on 23 Aug., with the Torrington, Laurel, and Dover, Capt. Newberry commanding-in-chief, but was separated on the banks of Newfoundland by a storm, which blew away two courses from the yards, and his maintopmast and new topsail; having nothing to refit, could not come up with his consorts.	Vol. 146. 89
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Flamborough Head.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is assured by his letter of God's mercy towards our frigates at Cadiz, as also of the seasonable loss sustained in the West Indies, which appears like a seal from the Almighty upon the resolutions of Parliament to join with his Highness in these just and necessary wars against Spain; has only divulged the contents to the well affected. The wind holding N.E. no vessels pass, and nothing can be heard of the enemy. Has sent the Pearl to her station near the bar for the laden fleet; the Weymouth and Fame are waiting in the Humber and the Roads for the light fleet; will lie off the Head and see the east countrymen out of danger, as by their long delay, the enemy has no doubt intelligence of them. Recommends Jno. Blundall as gunner for a vessel at Yarmouth.	90
,, ,,	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	Desires order to contract with Jas. Bowman, master of the John and Mary, of London, for carrying some shot to the Tower, hearing from the ordnance officers that he has been sent by the Navy Commissioners to take in timber for London.	91
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Ducie, *Wren pink, Yarmouth Roads.*	,,	Is still attending the fishermen, but wants victuals, sails, and men - - - -	92
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	,,	Send a survey by Chris. Pett and Manley Callis of the Cornelian; she may be made serviceable for some years at a cost of 130*l.*	93, 94
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Constant Warwick, Downs.*	,,	Convoyed the East India ships to the Downs, and is going to Capt. Hatsell, at Plymouth, to refit, nothing having been done to his frigate since she was built.	95
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to take care for payment of the wages due to the officers, workmen, and labourers in the State's yard at Portsmouth, to the end of Sept. 1656.	96
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to the Commissioners of Customs for 100*l.* received of their collector at Hull by Major Elton, deputy governor, for cleaning and refitting the Adventure, Expedition, and other frigates.	97
,, 21	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Fowler, judge-advocate of the fleet, for his pay and entertainment, at 8*s.* a day.	98
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Beaver, at Deptford - -	99
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to pay the Gloucester, Dover, and other frigates arrived or expected from the West Indies, and to cause a survey to be made of their defects, &c.	100

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1656.				Vol. 146.
Oct. 21	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Unicorn, Quinborow.*	Adm. Com.	Hopes to get up to Chatham to-morrow and receive further orders	101
„ „	Capt. Geo. Ford, *Merlin, Chatham.*	„	Sends a survey made of his ship in the Downs. Has come up by order of the commander-in-chief, but will hasten to sea again.	102
„ „	Dan. Furzer, *Lydney.*	Navy Com^rs	Particulars of his building of a frigate; wants some one appointed to look after the materials, also a small boat.	103
„ „	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Gillingham.*	„	Has fallen down with 30 or 40 workmen on board, who have been working night and day to dispatch the ship.	104
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Forwarded their packet to Capt. Clarke, as also a pilot, and expects he will be at Chatham to-morrow.	105
„ „	Capt. Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Received their letter of credit to Mr. Lake, chief collector of customs at Hull, who accepted it and promised payment of 200*l*. Is entreated by the merchants of York, Leeds, and Hull, to remind the Commissioners of their petition for a convoy, many of their ships being laden with cloth of great value, and having paid their customs, they are ready to sail.	106
„ „	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has tried, as instructed, to procure a convoy for Mr. Holden, but none appearing, he resolved to go to London to obtain a ship for their transportation.	107
„ „	Capt. T. Whitstone, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will obey their commands on the arrival of the Phœnix, and has directed the commander of the Sapphire to hasten her in. Is now restored to health.	108
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Spurn.*	„	Meeting a light fleet near Flamborough Head, bound northward, plied with them, but has been forced in by a storm, as have also two Eastland men; several others are in Burlington Bay.	109
„ 22	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Spithead.*	„	Since leaving Dover, has been attending the orders of the commander-in-chief in the Downs; returned the week's provisions he had from Capt. Parker, and desires orders.	110
„ „	Capt. Ben. Blake, *Whitehall.*	Blackborne.	Begs the command of the George or Unicorn, which are to be refitted for sea	111
„ „	Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends surveys, by Capt. Jno. Taylor, and two others, of the Wexford and Drake; repairs of ships.	112–114
„ „	Capt. Robt. Ducke, *Thames' Mouth.*	Adm. Com.	Could not get down to Orfordness, the wind being easterly, but it now being westerly, will do so, ply about, and fight for the Lord's glory and England's honour.	115
„ „	Jno. Hieron	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Mr. Matthews, gunner of the Wexford, for a remove into the new frigate to be launched at Deptford.	116
„ „	Capt. Thos. Marryott, the *Dunbar.*	„	Thanks for remembrance as regards his frigate, and his suit at law	117

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1656. Oct. 22	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	The Accadia sailed to the buoy of the Red Sands, but was forced to return to the Hope through the easterly winds.	Vol. 146. 118
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	,,	The reason why Mutton's bill for anchors, Geo. Young's for freight of the Adventure, Jno. Perrin's for ironwork, and Jno. Phinee's for boats, have not been tendered for payment before, was that they and others, being informed the bills would not be settled for 12 months, allowed them to remain in the storekeeper's hands, until they had notice to attend to receive their money.	119
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Particulars of a survey made by Capt. Taylor and Manley Callis of the defects of the Wexford and Drake.	120
,, ,,	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	A hoy of beech plank has arrived from the New Forest, and is not required at Woolwich; it should be sent to Chatham or Deptford for repair of the great ships, or for the block maker.	121
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Bristol, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Bristol will he hauled on shore to-morrow, when he will do his utmost to ger her dispatched -	122
,, ,,	,, ,,	Col. Jno. Clarke.	As the Bristol is again designed for the southward, begs to be excused going such a long voyage, and to be employed in plying in the Channel, until he has settled matters relating to a small estate left by his father, which is his and his family's sole subsistence, and may be lost by his absence.	123
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has done his best to get the Essex to sea, but his provisions have been stayed by contrary winds. There are several other vessels bound for the Downs.	124
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Particulars of the arrival and state of ships. Has been much hindered by foul weather. There having been a great demand for sails and canvas, desires that the 110 bales received from Mr. Child may remain in the stores. Wants a quantity of old iron, colours, and lanterns, sold with the cordage. Cannot proceed with the dock on account of their restrictions.	125
,, ,,	,, ,,	Navy Com^{rs}	Received theirs by Mr. Clarke, and considering the store of masts, thinks the White Roach should sail for the river, and has desired Clarke to take the opportunity of the (convoy of the) Essex, which is going to the Downs. Wants hemp, &c.; some of that bought by Capt. Alderne and others abroad might be sent.	126
,, 23	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Having received orders from Capt. Hodges to convoy the ships bound to Jamaica 60 or 80 leagues to sea, went from Milford to Kinsale, where he found Lieut.-Gen. Brayne, with the Grantham, as also the Nightingale, and on the 15th they set sail, being 10 in company. On arriving at Cape Clear, was sent back with the Lieut.-General's letters, and on the way, chased and engaged with a ship for 3 hours, but she being clean outsailed him and escaped. Lost one man and spent 4 barrels of powder and some shot. Having little left, and other stores getting short, and his topsails having been much damaged by the enemy, desires order where to recruit.	127

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Oct. 23	Capt. Jer. Smyth, the *Dunbar, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends particulars of the sailing of ships, some of which have been damaged in the storms. The Constant Warwick has gone to Deptford with the prisoners. A Hamburgher and a Flemish vessel have arrived from Bordeaux; they were boarded by three men-of-war, who enquired in what readiness the English ships were at Bordeaux, and they also met some others off Belle Isle. Imagines that these pirates are lying about to surprise the English fleet of Bordeaux and Rochelle, and desires that Capt. Plumleigh may be sent that way, with the Adventure, Nonsuch, and Assurance, as it will be impossible to miss them, they being daily seen by others. Asks that Capt. Sparling may be drawn off his station at Ostend, as he will not be able to ride there in the winter; the Red Horse has come from thence with a broken tiller, and reports that they have not met one another these 5 or 6 days, through the bad weather.	Vol. 146. 128
,, 24	J. B[lackborne], *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends a letter for Capt. Stoakes. Mr. Cudworth opened his design, but to no end, for the fleet has passed here; he intends going to them at Portsmouth to-morrow. Had got together 100*l.*; asks whether Mr. Opey's bill is paid, so that he may apply to him in time, as some of his bills have been sent back by Mr. Jeffery.	129
,, ,,	Capt. Matthew Browne, the *Warwick, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Came in by order of Gen. Montague to land a packet, and receive further orders. Saw a fleet off the Isle of Wight, bound for the Downs. The Convert, with one of the prizes, is yet astern, by reason of her heavy sailing.	130
,, ,,	,, ,,	Col. Clarke.	To like effect - - - - - - - - - - -	131
,, ,,	Capt. N. Heaton, the *Gainsborough, Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends his log book from the time he left Plymouth on 1 Sept., to convoy some ships bound for Jamaica, until his return to Plymouth Sound on Oct. 18. Met the fleet with the welcome news of taking the Plate fleet, and after leaving the Jamaica ships off Scilly, attended upon Lieut.-Gen. Brayne. Has had very bad weather, but hopes the fleet with Gen. Montague have arrived, as he parted with them on the 19th. His new master has arrived, but he is fit for a better ship. Col. Clarke would have allowed him a lieutenant, if the Admiralty Commissioners would have bestowed such a place upon his old master; although the wages are less, it would be an encouragement.	132, 133
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a certificate of Capt. Geo. Ford, and the officers of the Merlin at Chatham, that the delay in sending in of the sea books arose through the purser staying behind at Portsmouth, and that the men have wanted provisions through his negligence. Particulars of ships.	134
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth, Harwich.*	,,	Ran aground off Yarmouth, and having lost the rudder and part of the false keel, and being very leaky, has been towed in by Capt. Thomson of the Expedition. Had on board the pilot, who said he never heard of any danger in that place, it being in the fair way where most ships pass that go northward.	135

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Oct. 24	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Being with the fishers in Corton Bay, out of the storm, heard the Portsmouth frigate fire a gun, and on sailing to her, found she had been aground off Yarmouth Haven, where such a disaster never occurred before. As she had lost her rudder, and was otherwise damaged, lay by her until the tide served, and then took hold of her stream cable, and towed her to Aldborough Bay, and the next day to Harwich, where she now is. The Expedition being too light, he will take in more ballast, and return to his station.	Vol. 146. 136
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Leith Roads.*	,,	Informed Gen. Monk of his arrival at Leith with his convoys, and is ordered to victual for 14 days, and then convoy all vessels bound southward. In his passage to Leith, the leaks kept the pumps going two days and nights. Has not seen or heard of any men-of-war upon the coast.	137
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	,,	The Old President has arrived at Spithead, with a packet from Gen. Montague, whom she left the 8th inst. 8 leagues off the Lizard. Two hours afterwards the General, with the Resolution and other ships, came into Stokes Bay, because of contrary winds and bad weather. As they are all out of provisions, desires orders therein, as also as to laying any of the ships up.	138
,, 25	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for refitting the Lizard at Portsmouth for service in the Channel, and victualling her for 4 months.	139
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to give allowance for 10 additional men for the Mermaid frigate, making 110 - -	140
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off at Portsmouth the Old Warwick, just arrived from the southward - -	141
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Like order for the Hopewell pink, reserving 3 months' wages in hand, the company being ordered to be turned over to the Lizard.	142
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Blackwall.*	Robt. Blackborne	Begs to be excused waiting upon the Commissioners, as he may be cheated of 100*l.* by being absent. Desires the commissions and warrant may be delivered to his master. Is going to Chatham to forward the business on Monday, and will then attend them.	143
,, ,,	Capt. Peter Foot, *Mermaid, Portsmouth.*	,,	Wants more men, the same as borne on the 5th rate frigates; his master gunner desires to quit the service, as he has kept his cabin for the last 2 months, and said no power on earth will compel him to fire a gun, lest blood might be spilt, and that his tenets oblige him thereto; it is thought he is a Quaker. Has put Christ. Taylor, the midshipman, in his place, and desires he may succeed him, having been on board 4 years. Came in to refit, tallow, and victual. Wants some printed tickets.	144
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Sorlings, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Since leaving the Downs, the very rough weather split his maincourse and blew the mizen out of the bolt ropes; being also so leaky that the pumps had to be continually going, and short of provisions, made for Portsmouth, but will return to his station.	145
,, ,,	Major Wade - -	—	Certificate that 100 tons of pig iron have been delivered to Thos. Foley out of Dean Forest since 24 June last, which at 7*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* per ton amount to 720*l.*, for which Foley is debtor to the State.	146

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1656. Oct. 25	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been on board the General, who is well, and will send an account of the state of the fleet, and of the victuallers bound for Gen. Blake. The prize and several other ships are destitute of cables, anchors, and sails. The very bad weather has seriously interrupted business, both in repairs, shipping stores, and paying off the Jersey; has paid the Falcon flyboat. When the Loyalty has received 20 tons more of provisions, she can sail with the Jonathan and Abigail. Has reserved the name for the new frigate, and will launch her the first opportunity, and ship the canvas they mention. Particulars of ships.	Vol. 146. 147
„ 26	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has taken up 200*l.* of Math. Locke, chief collector of customs, by order of the Admiralty Commissioners, for defraying the expenses of cleaning and tallowing some of the State's frigates, and given a bill of exchange payable to the Commissioners of Customs in London.	148
„ „	Capt. Willoughby Hannam, the *Kent, off Quinborow.*	Adm. Com.	Has convoyed 3 ships from Elsinore, bound for London, and having broken his capstan, has sent to Chatham for a new one. Was forced by contrary winds into Norway, where he met a hoy who passed two English frigates with two merchantmen, bound for Elsinore.	149
„ „	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne	Thanks for favours as also for the narrative of the victory of the fleet on the coast of Spain. Retook the Palm of Dartmouth, and sent her to the Downs. Examined all ships passing the Narrow, but could not meet with any of the enemy; hearing they have a rendezvous on the coast near Plymouth, hopes they will be routed. Although he was careful in selecting men to carry in his prize, finds they embezzled several parcels of goods, and has put some of them in irons on board the Dunbar, for trial by a court martial; the commander-in-chief and the governor of Deal are endeavouring to find out the buyers, two of whom are Hum. Bingelston and Vincent Dean of Deal; the former was charged 10 months since with buying a hawser of the gunner of the Preston. Hopes they will be punished.	150
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Burlington Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Has been riding in Burlington Bay since the 20th inst., and had such a storm as has not been known by the inhabitants for years; his anchors, cables, &c., received much damage. Is now going out with the Advice, Fame, and some East countrymen, whom he will see off the coast, and then return to Scarborough for orders.	151
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Harwich.*	Major Burton or Jas. Puckle, *Yarmouth.*	Cannot repair to the Downs as ordered, having damaged his rudder and keel by going on the sands off Yarmouth. Mr. Browne has forwarded the letters to Aldborough and Hosely Bay.	152
„ „	Capt. Gab. Sanders, *Tiger, Hosely Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed some vessels from Holehaven northwards, and others to the Maas, and has now been forced in by the storm. Many ships have been lost about Yarmouth. The Norway ships and others have lost their cables and the Assistance her boat. Has had much extra difficulty from the multitude of fishermen about.	153
„ 27	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to direct the repair of the Drake and Cornelian frigates for service in the Channel, and the laying up of the Wexford until there is a want of fire ships.	154

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Oct. 27	Capt. Jno. Blythe, the *Dover*, *Gravesend.*	Navy Comrs	Was ordered by Capt. Smyth of the Dunbar to Woolwich, and coming over the Flats, lost his best bower anchor and cable, in a storm; while off Margate, his boat (a Spanish gondola) sank at the stern, and was too much decayed to bear hoisting. Has written Mr. Brooks, deputy at Margate, to engage a vessel to recover his anchor; has sent up his clerk of the check with the books, and for orders as to revictualling.	Vol. 146. 155
" "	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind*, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has been ranging to and fro upon his station, and convoyed several vessels up the Swinn. Has 8 days' provisions, and will put to sea to-night.	156
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Sends a letter received from the Kent at the Nore Head; as she let her cable and anchor slip below the Shoe, has appointed a ketch for weighing them and has sent her a capstan. The George is launched; will dock the Unicorn.	157
" "	Jas. Puckle, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Received their order for sending the Tiger to the Downs, but a storm of wind raging from Thursday to Saturday, no vessel could go out, so sent an express to Harwich; directed the Wren pink to ply as high as the Rolling Grounds, and endeavour to meet her. Delivered their letter to Capt. Ducie; he having lost his boat in the late storm, has supplied him with another.	158
" "	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	"	Has offered the master of the John and Mary of London 16*s.* a ton for the freight of the shot to be delivered at Tower Wharf, but he declines to accept less than 18*s.*	159
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. Will procure what cordage, &c., he can, but is much hindered therein for want of money, bills for even 6*l.* or even 40*s.* not being met.	160
" 28	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell, messenger, for 5*l.* disbursed by him for the relief of a poor woman whose husband was lost in the service, in pursuance of a reference from the Protector in that behalf.	161
" "	" - -	"	Order for making the sails required for the frigates left on the coast of Spain, Gen. Montague having reported want of them.	162
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out bills of imprest to Thos. Alderne, navy victualler, for 3,000*l.* a week for 4 weeks.	163
" "	" - -	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages of the officers and company of the Constant Warwick, and send her to Deptford, to be refitted for service in the Channel.	164
" "	Capt. T[hos.] A[lderne], *Victualling Office.*	Wm. Hempson.	Sends particulars of a contract for the shipment of 400 pipes of Madeira wine, and desires a vessel may be sent over to receive it.	165
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Launched the George on Saturday, and will get in hand with the Unicorn and Gloucester. Wants noyals canvas, having been forced to send to Deptford for 700 yards to repair the Merlin's sails.	166
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink*, *Leith Road.*	"	Has been to Burnt Island to stop leaks, mend his rudder, &c., and took in 14 days' provisions, by order of Gen. Monk. Took up 5*l.* of Mr. Booth to defray charges, and gave him a bill which he hopes they will pay.	167

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1656. Oct. 29	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send a demand of the company of the Dover frigate for an allowance of 7*d*. a day; a like demand will be made at the pay table by other ships' companies, which will amount to a large sum. Ask directions therein, also as to launching the new 5th rate frigate at Deptford, to make room for docking the Constant Warwick.	Vol. 146. 168
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham Dock.*	"	Could not dock the Unicorn the last tide, but the master shipwright will do his best the next. The Gloucester is in the river. Asks order as to the disposal of 12 Spanish prisoners on board her; also what is to be done with Fortescue, the gunner, in Upnor Castle, as he cannot get bail.	169
" "	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *Rainbow.*	—	Account of indigo and sugar received on board in Wyers Bay, and part redelivered by order of the Generals.	170
" "	Capt. Anth. Young, *Andrew.*	—	Similar account - - - - - - - - - - -	171
" 30	" "	[Navy Com^{rs}].	Finds since his last account that he delivered 79 chests of indigo on board the Hope flyboat in the Bay of Wyers for which he has a receipt.	172
" 31	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Jane Graveson, the pretended wife of Jno. Smith, who was blown up in the Arms of Holland, presented a ticket to be signed for his wages; having a suspicion of fraud, took her examination, and that of Wm. Hambleton who accompanied her, and then ordered them into custody. Sends their examinations and that of Joan, another pretended wife of the said Jno. Smith; believes they are some of those attending upon the Commissioners at Ely House for a pension.	173–176
Nov. 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to the Commissioners of Customs for 200*l*., received by Major Elton, deputy governor of Hull, from the collector of customs there, for defraying the charges of cleaning and fitting out the State's ships, and not to charge it as an imprest upon Elton's account.	Vol. 147. 1
" "	Capt. Nath. Browne, the *Taunton, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has washed, tallowed, and partly victualled afloat; could not have kept his men on board in harbour; will sail to Spithead to complete.	2
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, and 2 others, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Have surveyed the Gloucester and Torrington, and will send an estimate of the charge for repairs. Are hastening the fitting out of ships named, but want 60 more shipwrights and 20 caulkers.	3
" "	Capt. Ri. Kingdon -	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Col. White has gone with most of the plate, which he estimates at 22 cart loads; thinks the whole will scarcely amount to 300,000*l*. Hopes to leave for London next Monday, and will appoint Mr. Desborow to complete what remains, but most of the goods have been shipped.	4
" "	Major N. Bourne, Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Portsmouth.*	Col. Clarke	Have taken out all the goods in the Gallion, consisting of chests of indigo, sugar, logwood, &c., and send an account of their distribution. Could not find any silver or gold; want money to pay off the seamen. Will send the remainder of the other silver next Monday, by Capt. Lloyd and a guard of horse. The coach which Major-Gen. Kelsey wrote for having arrived, they will begin their journey next Monday.	5

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1656. Nov. 1	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Comrs	Has no canvas to spare for Chatham, having only 6 or 8 bales left of the 110 supplied by Mr. Child. Had to put 30 on board the Jersey, for supply of 8 ships named of Gen. Blake's fleet; but if ordered, will direct Mr. Harris, the sailmaker, to send down men to make 6 or 8 suits of sails. Hopes they will think of a supply of money to pay off the ships, &c., as also of some cables and hemp.	Vol. 147. 6
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	The Naseby and Resolution have arrived; the Andrew and Rainbow being expected, wants money to pay and refit them, as nothing can be done without, the Treasurer's instrument refusing to pay a bill of 40*s*., alleging the State now owes him 1,500*l*., of which he cannot get a penny; the Jan., Feb., and Mar. bills being still unpaid causes much clamour. Sends a list of the officers of the Lizard for whom warrants are wanting; needs 40 more workmen.	7
,, 2	,, ,,	,,	Could not deliver their letter, as Capt. Hayward of the Entrance had sailed for the Downs. Recommends the removal of Capt. Fenn of the President into the Bristol; he would expedite her in her intended voyage. Major Kelsey will set forth to-morrow.	8
,, ,,	Capt. N. Heaton, the *Gainsborough,* near *Falmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Cleaned his ship at Plymouth, but has had very rough weather; sprung his head and boltsprit, and been forced into Falmouth. Has ordered the Fagon to Scilly, in place of the Hampshire, and the latter to ply with him.	9
,, ,,	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	The Kentish has sailed with the vessels bound for Rotterdam, and the Satisfaction for Queenborough.	10
,, 3	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Naseby, Resolution, Andrew, and Rainbow, at Portsmouth.	11
,, ,,	Lieut. Saml. Larke, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Mr. Vinson and himself have secured most of the prisoners taken in the Lady Mary by the Hampshire, but they being dispersed about the town, could not get all of them. Has lodged them in the castle, but asks what to do with them, as there were 80 already there, and the place is weak, as also the guard, which only numbers 60 men, and has to be divided into 3 parts nightly, and the Prize Officers refuse to defray the expenses of their keep; as several are old men and boys, who can do little service, suggests they be set at liberty, to save further expense.	12
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Vinson, *Plymouth.*	Col. Clerke.	Applied by his orders to the governor of the fort, and with his assistance has secured in the castle 50 of the prisoners brought in by the Hampshire, but 20 are wanting, and have gone in Flemish ships for France, having liberty to shift for themselves, because the Prize Sub-Commissioners would not pay for their maintenance, except on orders from Gen. Desborow. Asks whether they, or he for Capt. Hatsell, is to disburse the 4*d*. a day for these or any future prisoners. Particulars of ships.	13
,, ,,	Jno. Packwood, *Woolwich.*	Navy Comrs	Asks what to do with 12 prisoners left on board some of the ships lately returned from the West Indies; as the ships have been paid off, and the principal officers have left, the prisoners are not only a great annoyance, but dangerous.	14

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1656. Nov. 3	Wm. Hovell, suffragan of *Kinsale.*	—	Sends examinations of Anth. Pullin, serjeant in Lieut.-Gen. Brayne's foot company, and Thos. Pitfill and Wm. Wall, mariners on board the Two Brothers of London, that the Two Brothers, commanded by Captain Farmer, with 29 seamen, left Kinsale on 15th Oct., with 241 officers and soldiers, and 3 women, bound for Jamaica, but encountering a violent storm on the 24th, she was driven ashore near Timoleague Bay, where she went to pieces, and Capt. Farmer, with 11 of his men and 204 officers and soldiers, was drowned.	Vol. 147. 15, 16
" "	Capt. Rich. Rooth, the *Dartmouth, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Apologizes for leaving London, on very urgent business, without seeing him. Is waiting the arrival of vessels from the river which he is to convoy to Holland, and bring back those there. The Entrance, Convert, and others of the southern squadron have arrived in the Downs.	17
" "	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends account of stores issued to ships, and of those required. Has received 42 cwt. of cordage contracted for with Mr. Searles; is careening the Portsmouth.	18
" "	Capt. Rich. Parker, *Bryar.*	Adm. Com.	Hearing that some of the enemy were in the Soundings, called at Rochelle, intending to join the Yarmouth, but she was ordered to stay for the Bordeaux fleet; being short of provisions, sailed with such ships as were laden, and having seen them safe into the river, is going into Catwater to tallow and refit.	19
" "	Capt. Anth. Riveley, *Vulture, Humber.*	"	Sprung a leak in a storm off Yarmouth, and having to keep the pumps going ever since, desires order to come into dock for repairs, the ship being very old. Has convoyed several ships from Hull, and while there, could not find the leaks.	20
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Spurn.*	"	Convoyed a laden fleet from Tynemouth, and has put in by contrary winds, but the Pearl will see them to the Roads. Will go northwards himself, some of the enemy being reported that way. Both he and Capt. Smith want sails and other provisions. Hears the Holland fleet from the Sound have put into Amsterdam.	21
" "	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	"	Is preparing to launch the new frigate and dock the Constant Warwick and Cornelian, but being short ot hands, desires the assistance of those borne in ordinary.	22
" "	Capt. Jer. Smythe, the *Dunbar, Downs.*	"	Received theirs by the last victualling ship, which sailed with the Assistance and two others, but had to put back by contrary winds. They have chased a Dunkirk man-of-war off the Isle of Wight; will do his utmost to secure the Narrow, and Capt. Plumleigh with several ships is now there. Capt. Parker of the Cheriton being still ill, has appointed an able commander, the master not being capable. Capt. Marryot is recovering, and returns thanks for his leave on shore. Is nearly out of provisions; desires a supply from London, as Dover will not be able to furnish sufficient for the frigates in the Channel. Asks leave of absence, on account of his children, and matters which will admit of no further delay.	23
" "	Thos. White, *Dover*	"	Having expended 300*l.* since passing his accounts, and paid ½ of it himself, desires they will accept the enclosed bill for 200*l.* payable to the Dover Post.	24

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1656. Nov. 3	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *Essex*, *Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Landed the Portuguese agent at Seine Head, and returning, chased and took the St. John of Ostend, with 70 men and 13 guns, besides 13 in her hold, and other arms and ammunition. Sends the examination of Capt. Peter Clinckerd, her commander. Having 8 midshipmen aboard, asks how many are allowed. Wants his company increased to 270, and then if he meets the enemy he will be able to handle them, as they fight very stoutly. The present prize fired 7 or 8 guns before yielding, and the captain said if it had been a ship of not above 26 guns, he would have fought to some purpose before being taken. Capt. Crapnell of the Essex desires the command of her, as she will make a serviceable frigate.	Vol. 147. 25, 26
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	After Capt. Whitehorne had landed the Portugal agent, between Beachy and the Isle of Wight, he met an Ostend man-of-war of 80 men and 13 guns, which he took; she is only 5 years old and a good sailer; if she should be fitted out for the service, desires Capt. Boury may be appointed to command her.	27
„ „	„ - -	„	Could not deliver their commands to the captain of the Entrance as he had sailed; the end would be answered by appointing Capt. Fenn to the Bristol. The Rainbow has arrived; wants money to discharge the unruly seamen, who are under no command on shore, and to supply emergencies, as people are continually applying for their due. The surgeons cannot get as much as 50*s.* to recruit their chests; the stores are destitute, and 20 months' pay is due to the company of the Sorlings lying in the Roads. If a supply is not quickly sent, the odium cast upon their actions will not be easily repaired.	28
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame*, *Grimsby Road.*	„	Has come in with a fleet of laden colliers. Received their orders and will proceed to the Humber and convoy the vessels there bound for Dort, and then return to his station, between the Maas and Yarmouth. Sends a certificate by Capt. Robt. Robinson of the Preston, as also one by himself and his officers in favour of Philip Pecke, late minister of the Preston, for employment in the Fame.	29–31
„ 4	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to forbear making out a bill for the freight of the John of Stroud, for attending upon the Rainbow, until further order, her master, Edw. Good, having taken in a seaman at Lisbon who is charged with embezzling several parcels of plate and silver belonging to the State, and carrying it on shore at Plymouth.	32
„ „	Rich: Bradshaw, *Hamburg.*	Adm. Com.	Hears the ship they mention has gone with her convoy for Newcastle. Hopes the 440*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* he has paid at Hamburg will be repaid to his servant.	33
„ „	Capt. Rich. Haddock, *Hamburg.*	„	Arrived safe with the two cloth ships, and several other vessels, and hopes to return with those ready to sail in a few days.	34

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Nov. 4	Capt. Saml. Larke, *Plymouth Fort.*	Adm. Com.	Secured the captain and 54 of the company of the Lady Mary taken by the Hampshire, and sends a list of their names and quality; the other 32 have been allowed by the mayor to transport themselves, there being no order to detain them. Has secured the former in the castle, but it being weak and insufficiently guarded, hopes they will find a more convenient place, or increase the guard. Many wonder that the prisoners do not fall upon the small guard and destroy them in the night, and then make their escape. Suggests the erection, for 40*l.*, of a wooden house on the Green of the castle, capable of holding 200, and that, with a guard of 20 men, would secure the prisoners. Noted that Capt. Hatsell is to give order for building it at a cost not exceeding 50*l.*	Vol. 147. 35
" "	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham*	NavyCom^{rs}	Rigging of ships; sends a demand for stores from the master shipwright. The house occupied by Capt. Pett is covered with tarpaulin which is rotten; it should be replaced with lead at a cost of 55*l.*, or with canvas, which is of short continuance and hazardous.	36
" "	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	"	The purser of the Satisfaction at Woolwich demands petty warrant victuals for 70 men; desires order.	37
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Met Mr. Bradley, the minister, at a church meeting at Wapping, 18 months since, and became acquainted with him through Mr. Carter, another minister. At request of Capt. Tatnell, gave a certificate in his favour, although disagreeing with him on the subject of baptism.	38
" "	Capt. Valentine Tatnell, *Satisfaction, Medway.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has just arrived arrived at Gillingham, and will apply to Commissioner Pett for orders - -	39
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, and two others, *Portsmouth.*	—	Account of tar, pitch, &c., required for the stores - - - - - - -	40
" 5	Peter Murford, *Portsmouth.*	Gen. Montague, M.P., *Whitehall.*	Desires order as to the disposal of the late Spanish governor of Havanna and his 6 servants, and the captain of the Plate fleet; wants money for their entertainment, some warm clothing, and a guard of horse, that at the garrison being small, and much weakened by sickness. Capt. Whitehorne of the Essex has brought in an Ostend man-of-war, with 80 prisoners, and as the town can ill accommodate them, desires they may be sent elsewhere, under conduct of a guard of horse.	41
" "	Capt. Thos. Penrose, *the Bristol, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Since leaving Portsmouth, has been prevented receiving his provisions by the weather; hopes soon to do so, and observe their orders.	42
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	Will sail the first opportunity. Begs favour in what he formerly told him, or his condition will be very sad.	43
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The John ketch having arrived from Gen. Blake, and other ships having also come in, desires orders respecting them and their men. Several ships will soon be fit to sail. The seamen and soldiers of the Unicorn have been both entreated and threatened to their duties, and the clerk of the check has strict orders, in all such cases, to call frequently, and prick the absentees out of victuals and wages.	44

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Nov. 5	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	To similar effect - - - - - - - - - -	Vol. 147. 45
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Sends an account of provisions required for the ships under repair. Was in hopes of seeing Mr. Poortmans with some money; unless some is sent down, the State will be at no small charge.	46
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Asks orders about 80 men whom the Essex brought hither in a prize, whom the captain is constrained to keep on board, because the mayor can only spare them a prison, and the small garrison guard them, but none will relieve them without order from the Major-General. The 10,000*l.* has arrived, and will commence paying the Naseby and others to morrow, and act with all frugality with the remainder. Desires order to engage 40 more men, as also some course for obtaining more money, otherwise will not be able to stay to carry on the work. Particulars of ships.	47
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, *Portsmouth.*	"	Carried the prize into harbour, and will put the prisoners on shore to-morrow, but there are disputes as to who is to keep them. The prize would be very useful if refitted, has more guns than formerly reported, and might be manned with men out of the Essex. Has had very bad weather, but will hasten to sea.	48
" 6	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Orders for paying off the Entrance at Chatham, and the Wren pink at Deptford - - -	49, 50
" "	" - -	"	Order for launching the 5th rate frigate lately built at Deptford, and naming her the Oxford -	51
" "	" - -	"	Orders for refitting, cleaning, and victualling the Advice at Chatham - - - -	52
" "	" - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Like order for the Sorlings at Portsmouth, also for paying her officers and men, reserving 3 months' pay in hand.	53
" "	" - -	"	Order to sign and pay the tickets of such soldiers as have come home in the Naseby, Resolution, Andrew, Rainbow, and Unicorn.	54
" "	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Has been hindered from returning to Ireland by extremity of weather. Received their order to transport the Countess of Cork to Youghal, and will sail the first opportunity.	55
" "	Oliver Hardiman -	"	Petition for the purser's place in the Cornelian. With certificate of Capt. Lam. Cornelius under whom he served as steward.	56
" "	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Portsmouth.*	"	Has come in to clean and recruit; wants 10 more men - - - - - -	57
" "	Capt. Jo. Simonds, *the Jersey, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Sailed from Stokes Bay for Yarmouth, with the Jonathan and Abigail and Loyalty, but has been detained off the Isle of Wight by contrary winds.	58
" "	Capt. Jer. Smyth, *the Dunbar, Downs.*	"	Arrival and departure of ships. Has ordered the frigates in the Narrow to see the vessel that was chased into Boulogne safe into the Downs.	59

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Nov. 6	Major Robt. Thomson.	Navy Com^rs	Intended to wait on them to-day, but having been importuned by his wife and friends to attend the marriage of a kinswoman in his house, will come to-morrow. Wants an order to the officers of the yards to deliver the President, Plover, and Hector, with all appurtenances, save the guns, to Mr. Raven, of Woolwich ; will soon clear with the treasurer for them, having more bills than will do it.	Vol. 147. 60
,, 7	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	The herring season being now over, waits orders, having 5 or 6 weeks' provissions. Capt. Colman has gone for Holland. A great ship has just come, having lost all her masts in the storms, and the Pearl has also arrived. The Vulture passed through to the northward, with both her topmasts down, and her foresail low set.	61
,, ,,	Capt. Nath. Browne, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Has been a fortnight refitting and victualling ; when completed, will join the Jersey in Yarmouth Roads. Is fully sensible of the wants of the fleet, having heard that they are waiting for the victualling ships.	62
,, ,,	Rich. Brown, *Pembroke.*	,,	Will observe their commands in tallowing ; Capt. Cowes says he gave a full account where he left the Grantham and other ships bound for Jamacia ; he is now attending on the Countess of Cork. Capt. Bowen has taken in some provisions.	63
,, ,,	Jno. Davies, *Chatham.*	Mr. Cooling	Asks him to send down masts, cables, &c., and inform Major Bourne that there is 2½ tons of *lignu vitæ* in the stores.	64
,, ,,	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Sent their orders on to the Vulture, which sailed 31st October with several merchant ships bound for Yarmouth. She came into Hull on the 3rd inst., and left on the 6th, with the ships bound for Dort, but meeting with cross winds, was detained in the Roads until last Thursday.	65
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Jeakin, *Wolf, Spithead.*	,,	Was ordered for the Downs with the Constant Warwick, to convoy ships, and afterwards sent to ply on his station, but meeting with foul weather, and his victuals being spent, put into Spithead. Has taken in a month's provisions, and will sail with 20 small vessels under convoy, bound for Plymouth.	66
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. -	,,	Employed a person to see the cocoa nuts weighed off the Great Charity, at Woolwich, and send the account of the gross amount delivered to Martin Noel, the total being 145,334 lbs. net, which being compared with the bills of lading, there are 15,487 lbs. wanting, but a ton of defective nuts remains on board. Sends accounts.	67–70
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Cannot sign and pay the tickets of the soldiers lately returned in the Naseby, Resolution, and Andrew, until the books sent to Portsmouth to pay the ships off are returned ; to sign tickets without them would be very hazardous to the State.	71
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Send a letter from Mrs. Wood's correspondent at Hamburg, and 1,000*l.* will be sent him to-day ; desire that the Treasurer may pay what is requisite in future, as a difference between resident Bradshaw and his master may prove a hindrance ; if Mr. Secretary knew, he might reconcile the difference.	72

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Nov. 7	Major N. Bourne -	Adm. Com.	As the Entrance is shortly expected at Chatham, desire order to pay her off, and also Chatham Yard. The Oxford was launched at Deptford this day, and as she is rigged, desire orders respecting her.	Vol. 147. 73
,, ,,	Justinian Peard, *mayor of Plymouth.*	,,	Will send the silver to Capt. Hatsell, and endeavour to find any more that may have been embezzled. The prisoner, Jos. Harrison, cannot yet give security for his appearance; when he does, will send it up for approval.	74
,, ,,	Ja. Puckle, *Yarmouth.*	,,	Will deliver the letter for the Weymouth when she arrives. Appointed the Elizabeth to go to the Wellings, to convoy several vessels to their ports, and then to go to the Maas, and bring back such ships as are bound for Yarmouth, and if necessary, go into Goree; there is no safety for ships there without convoy, the men-of-war waiting for their coming out. The herring fishery being over, Capt. Thomson of the Expedition desires orders; will send him with the vessel having the brass ordnance, as high as the Rolling Grounds or Harwich. The Vulture is in the Roads, as also Capt. Smith, of the Pearl, with a laden fleet from the north; some cloth ships bound for Dort, desiring a convoy, will appoint Capt. Smith, with orders to return as soon as he has seen them safe.	75
,, 8	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for supply of cables and sails, and 4 months' provisions for the Preston and Pearl, on their arrival at Harwich from the north coast.	76
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Capt. Thos. Alderne for 4,000*l.* on account, for a parcel of hemp purchased by him in Holland for the navy.	77
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Baskett, *Portsmouth.*	Col. Clarke	Wants the Admiralty Commissioners to confirm his grant of the command of the new frigate at Portsmouth, which is to be launched next Monday; has long waited upon her, and provided himself with men, but now hears that another is to be appointed captain.	78
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Sorlings, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in to refit, by order of Com. Willoughby, and will use all diligence, but has been delayed by weather.	79
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	Sends certificate of Capt. Jno. Taylor, master shipwright, that having found other defects in the Unicorn, while under repair in the dock, he cannot launch her before Friday week. The George and Merlin can sail next Wednesday; the Entrance has arrived in the Hope with the General's goods; if intended for Chatham, will send a vessel down to take them in.	80, 81
,, ,,	Capt. Ant. Rively, *Vulture, Yarmouth Roads.*	,,	Is convoying ships for London. Having been compelled to break up his boat and throw it overboard, to clear the decks in a storm, desires order for another.	82
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Humber.*	,,	After seeing the laden fleet safe, sailed northward with the Pearl, and sent her to see the colliers into the Roads, and to return with such as were ready. The coast is clear of the enemy; having received damage in a storm, in which several vessels have been lost, is coming into the Roads to mend his sails and refit.	83

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1656. Nov. 8	Capt. Jno. Smith, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Came in with part of the laden fleet, several having been lost in the storm, as were also his anchors, cables, and sails. Is much importuned by the bailiffs, merchants, &c., of Yarmouth, to convoy 9 vessels to the Maas, and if ordered, will do it. Wanting sails, &c., desires an order to refit and prepare for the winter guard.	Vol. 147. 84
" "	Capt. J. Whitstone, *Phœnix, Downs.*	"	Sailed from Plymouth on the 1st inst., but through stress of weather and fog, could not make the Wight, and after much difficulty recovered the Downs, which if he had missed, he might have run the hazard of the loss of the ship and life.	85
" "	Thos. White, *Dover.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The master of the John ketch that attended the Unicorn was Christ. Sluce, and not Edw. Wood. She is discharged, and no prize was taken while she was employed. There was another John ketch in the service, which left with the fleet. Desires payment of his bill for 300*l.*	86
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, *Portsmouth,*	Adm. Com.	Received 6 of the enemies' men on board, including the master, and believes 4 of them are English. Will put them on shore with the rest, who will make 80 in all, and on the arrival of the Great President or Sapphire, return to the Downs for further orders. It is very tempestuous.	87
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Has paid off the Naseby and Resolution, and will proceed with the Rainbow and Andrew, if money is sent down. The Bristol and other ships wait their victuals; others having come in to be cleaned and repaired, desires 40 more workmen may be taken on. The prisoners have been put on shore, save 6 in the Essex, and 30 secured in the town prison; as it will not hold any more, the rest have been quartered, with an allowance of 4*d.* a day each, in alehouses, where there is but a slender guard; will order them to London. The Prize Office ought to defray their keep, and give some gratuity to seamen bringing in prizes, for want of which, and conduct money to carry them to their ships, they are bound to steal, and the State thus loses 5 times as much.	88
" 9	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Will deliver their packet to Capt. Allen, of the Advice, when he arrives. The Happy Entrance has come up, and her captain will attend them to-morrow.	89
" 10	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for setting forth the Oxford frigate for service in the Channel, and victualling her for 4 months for 110 men.	90
" "	Capt. John. Baskett, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	As the new frigate Wakefield has been launched, reminds them of their promise to give him the command; will see that she is properly equipped and manned.	91
" "	Jno. Davies, *Deptford.*	—	Account of kerseys, cottons, and flags in the stores - - - - - -	92
" "	Capt. Jer. Country, *Roe ketch, Lynn.*	"	Has been at Yarmouth with 9 vessels bound for London, and also conducted 6 others as far as Humber, where he was detained by foul weather. Has rode in the Deeps, where no vessel rides in winter but through necessity. Has only 17 days' provisions left.	93

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1656. Nov. 10	Capt. N. Heaton, the *Gainsborough*, *Plymouth Sound*.	Adm. Com.	Has been forced in by a violent storm; the Fagon, ordered for Scilly with the money, has not been able to make the Channel, through the defects in her head and masts. The ships ordered for the coast of France will do good service. Will neglect no opportunity of finding the enemy, but 5 ships are very few for such a wide station, and ought to be doubled. Thanks for the warrant for his old master. Is about putting to sea, and hopes to hear of the Fagon, but there have been many wrecks of late.	Vol. 147. 94
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Potter -	,,	On 1st Sept. 1656, took a French prize, and sent 10 of his men on board, with orders to send back the Frenchmen, but they could only find 12 out of 29, the rest having hid. A storm coming on, lost sight of the prize, whereupon the men hid came forth, wounded the master, overcame the Englishmen, and carried them to France, where they remained in prison for 3 months. Being sent southward, desired Capt. Hatsell to send them a letter of credit, to obtain some relief, which was done by some English merchants, to the value of 51*l.*; as he stands engaged to Capt. Hatsell for that amount, desires it may be allowed.	95
,, ,,	Jas. Puckle, *Yarmouth*.	,,	Delivered their order to Capt. Thomson of the Expedition, who will sail for Scotland to-morrow, and convoy the vessels for Leith; also their letter to the captain of the Vulture, who is coming in with some vessels for the river, and to Capt. Wilkinson of the Weymouth pink, who is in the Roads with the Advice and Norwich, and some vessels from the Downs, bound for Chatham.	96
,, ,,	Capt. Jer. Smyth, the *Dunbar*, *Downs*.	,,	Sends an account of the Downs squadron, and a survey of the damage done in a storm to the Assurance, which is ordered to Portsmouth to refit. Several ships, with their convoys, are detained in the Downs by weather. Desires leave of absence, his children being young and sickly, and under the care of strangers and servants, and his small estate being amongst persons he knows little of. Capt. Plumleigh will take the command meantime, his ship requiring refitting.	97–99
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Tayler, *Griffin*, *Plymouth*.	,,	Delivered some gunpowder at Guernsey, and then convoyed some vessels from Portsmouth to St. Malo, where he saw a small Ostender carry in a prize, richly laden with French goods. Brought back 12 sail, and saw them to their several ports, and having since washed, tallowed, and victualled for 2 months, waits orders.	100
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink*, *Yarmouth Roads*.	,,	Will observe orders. Came in with some of his convoy, and with the Advice, the rest having been dispersed in the storms, in which he was nearly sunk.	101
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth*.	Navy Com^rs	Asks the price of rosin, some being offered for sale; wants hemp, cables, and anchors, as the stores are empty, and ships expect supplies there the same as at Chatham or in the river. The Rainbow has been paid off, the Naseby and Resolution dispatched, and the new frigate Wakefield launched; desires a surgeon for her.	102

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Nov. 10	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has paid off the Rainbow, and will proceed with the Andrew, Bristol, and Taunton. Particulars of ships. The deputy governor intends sending the prisoners to London to-morrow, under a guard; as they are short of soldiers, through sickness, wants one of the companies quartered at Kingston to be sent to Bagshot, to relieve them. In the bad weather, a Flemish ship from the Canaries has been cast away, off the Isle of Wight. Capt. Baskett attended at the launching of the Wakefield, and if his commission is sent, he will be able to man her.	Vol. 147. 103
" 11	Capt. Jno. Best, *Adventure, Downs.*	"	Took in two months' provisions at Dover, and will proceed to his station. A council of war has been held on board the Dunbar, respecting some slanders made against him by some of his officers, which were not proved; the council having suspended Jonas Palmer, his carpenter, wants another.	104
" "	Rich. Johnson, late boatswain of the *Tulip.*	"	Petition to be boatswain on the Sorlings, or the frigate building in the Forest [of Dean]. Has long waited for a place. With certificates by Thos. Scott, Phil. Francis, and Capts. Edw. Blagge and Jeffry Dare, and others.	105–108
" "	Rich. Bradshaw, *Hamburg.*	"	Has not heard further of the Kent frigate, but the Dragon is ready to sail with the convoy, and no time has been lost by the commander, Capt. Haddock.	109
" "	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	"	Has cleaned and repaired the Portsmouth, and will soon be ready to sail - - -	110
" "	Capt. Ben. Gunson, *Truelove, Rye.*	"	Has not lain in harbour longer than necessary; was forced in, and is detained by the weather, but will convoy 12 or 14 sail with the first wind, and proceed to the Narrow to look after Capt. Plumleigh and his squadron, as ordered. The ships he should have been with were forced to the Isle of Wight; convoyed others for London, and went on board the Dunbar in the Downs; Capt. Smyth had feared that he had been lost. Has been to Dover, to repair and victual. There have been several shipwrecks on the coast.	111
" "	Ch. Lister, and 2 others.	—	Certificate in favour of Math. Scarborough, as deputy cashier for prize money; he is also recommended by the treasurer, Hum. Blake.	112
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Asks the price of tallow, as he is offered some. The Unicorn will not be fit for launching for another week; the soldiers will be neither intreated nor threatened to their duty. The Satisfaction has come into the river; sends a note of her defects.	113
" "	Capt. Jo. Simonds, *the Jersey, Isle of Wight.*	Adm. Com.	Has been detained by contrary winds, but will proceed the first opportunity - - -	114
" 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Convert and Hope flyboat, coming up the river - - - -	115

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Nov. 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Thos. Broughton for 300*l.* 6*s.* 11*d.*, advanced by him to Capt. Thos. Fleet, commander of the Falcon flyboat, on his bill of exchange, and charge it on Capt. Fleet's account.	Vol. 147. 116
„ „	Sarah, widow of Capt. Thos. Webber, of the *Recovery.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of a bill of exchange for 100*l.*, given her husband by Gens. Wm. Penn and Gregory Butler, two of the Commissioners in America. With reference to the Navy Commissioners, desiring they will send an account of the freight, and whether a bill of exchange has not been paid. Also contract 4 April 1655 between Governor Dan Searle, of Barbadoes, and Capt. Webber, whereby the latter agrees to carry his lading to the forces at Hispaniola, on receiving 220*l.* on delivery, and 220*l.* a month till discharged.	117, 118
„ „	Capt. Danl. Baker, *Portsmouth.*	„	His frigate is in the carpenter's hands and will take 8 or 10 days to complete. Thanks for his commission.	119
„ „	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Poplar.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends Robt. James, who has served under him in the Unicorn 4 months, and is now entered in the George, and desires they will pay him 6*l.*, stopped on an alleged false bill presented by a woman of Poplar on behalf of his brother, who lately returned from Jamaica, and is since dead, and to whom he is executor; the woman has her remedy at law against him, if the bill should prove good.	120
„ „	Peter Murford, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sent a guard, under Major Hurst, out of the weak and sickly garrison, with the 80 Ostend pirates, but on drawing them out, 8 were unable to march, some being so desperately sick, and others having but one leg and a wooden stump, not able to march; the Major only started with 72, and having gone 4 miles, two boys and an old man could proceed no further, and were sent back, so that only 69 may be expected. Asks how to dispose of the 11 remaining, and who is to make the allowance of 4*d.* a day to each. Portsmouth is a most inconvenient place to keep prisoners in, for want of prisons and other accommodation.	121
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	„	Send a survey by Chris. Pett and Sam. Raven of the defects of the Portland, Dover, and Laurel, at Woolwich, with an estimate of the charge for docking and repair, ranging between 600*l.* and 700*l.* each.	122, 123
„ „	Chris. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends copy of the above survey. Is in hand with the frigates, and will give them all dispatch -	124, 125
„ „	Ja. Puckle, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will send his letter to the Preston. Had a violent storm yesterday, when many vessels were lost; the Fame is so leaky that Capt. Wright is compelled to keep the pumps going, and has sent on shore for orders to come in.	126
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has cleaned and repaired his frigate, but was much hindered by the foul weather; having 7 weeks' provisions on board, desires order for 6 weeks' more, which may now be shipped without much loss of time.	127
„ „	Capt. Jo. Simmonds, the *Jersey, near Hurst.*	„	Has been detained by winds, but hopes to be soon with the fleet - - - - -	128

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1656. Nov. 12	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	They have paid off the 4 great ships, the Taunton and Bristol are waiting for their butter and cheese, and the President for Capt. Potter. The cause of the delay in sending down provisions is that the contractors for butter and cheese are engaged to send them from London by water, it being more costly to transport by wagon; and the ships being sometimes wind bound, causes delay. Will dispatch the Assurance when she arrives.	Vol. 147. 129
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame*, *Yarmouth Roads.*	,,	Sends certificate of his officers, that through having been in many sad storms, the ship has become so leaky that she was unable to proceed with a convoy for Holland, but compelled to bear for Yarmouth Roads, to save the ship and their lives; asks an order to go into dock to repair.	130, 131
,, 13	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to the executors of Thos. Lawes, deputy treasurer to the West India fleet under Gen. Penn, for the balance of his accounts. He received 8,000*l.* from Mr. Child at Portsmouth, out of which credit is to be given for 7,901*l.* 14*s.* 9½*d.* disbursements, but 2*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* charged for exchange of money is to be disallowed, as not reasonable for the State to bear. The balance of his cash to be placed as an imprest to Mr. Bodham, his successor, and the disbursements to be charged to the ships and persons on whose account they were made.	132
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for a supply of cordage, cables, and sails required for Gen. Blake's fleet on the coast of Spain, to be got ready with all speed, and an estimate of the tonnage returned. With notes thereon.	133–135
,, ,,	Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	,,	Mr. Browne, the house carpenter, will see to the best and cheapest way of setting posts in Ham Creek to fasten ships to. Has tried to hold ships with anchors, but as they lie too near the shore, some 16-inch cables should be supplied, or a chain made, as much might be saved.	136
,, ,,	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Will forward their packet to the Vulture on her arrival - - - - - -	137
,, ,,	Capt. Mic. Nutton, the *Norwich*, *Yarmouth Roads.*	,,	Plied off Ostend several weeks, and was then forced by foul weather into the Downs, where he received orders from Capt. Smyth to convoy some vessels to Yarmouth Roads, then ply between Orfordness and the Willings, speak with Capt. Sanders of the Tiger, and when his victuals were expended, make for Chatham, which he will do.	138
,, ,,	,, ,,	Navy Com^{rs}	Having only 5 or 6 days' provisions, is making for Chatham, by order of Capt. Smyth. There are 5 of the State's ships in the Roads; 4 merchantmen were cast away here in the last storm.	139
,, ,,	Ordnance Officers -	Adm. Com.	Certify the number and sizes of iron ordnance, consisting of demi cannon, culverins, and sakers, in the possession of Thos. Foley, at Snadland, co. Kent; having been cast for the State, and having the arms of the Commonwealth engraven upon them, they would be very fit for the fleet.	140
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	Cannot launch the Unicorn for a week. The George is ready but waits for her commander, men, and the remainder of her provisions. Jno. Dixon, lately belonging to the Unicorn, having been found guilty, by a coroner's jury, of the death of a boy, by striking him, asks whether he shall send him to gaol, or have him tried by a court martial. Capt. Clerke and the other officers of the ship believe that he is innocent, and that the boy died of an ague, for which he sickened in harbour a few days since.	141

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Nov. 13	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *the Preston, Humber.*	Adm. Com.	Came in to refit, being unable to keep at sea, through loss of sails, &c., but sent an order enclosed to the commander of the Pearl and to Capt. Wilkinson of the Weymouth, to ply about to protect trade and also to seize the enemy; hopes to get out himself this day. There have been many shipwrecks on the coast; several vessels forced in and put on shore without anchors or cables report that some sunk at sea in their sight. Will give all the assistance he can; the coast is clear of the enemy.	Vol. 147. 142–144
" "	Capt. Jno. Smith, *Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Sailed with the Fame, and 12 sail bound for the Maas, but was forced back through a storm, showing his lights as ordered, which some of them observed, but others not. The Fame is disabled, having sprung a leak; is very unfit to proceed, wanting sails and ground tackle, and there are no other men-of-war in the Roads but what are disabled and called in. Received order from Jas. Puckle to take sufficient victuals to serve the voyage out of the Fame. Cannot get a pilot unless he pays him, so must contract for ready money, or they will not serve the State; there is a difficulty in getting them at all this winter. Asks where he shall clean and revictual.	145
" "	Capt. Jer. Smyth, the *Dunbar, Downs.*	"	The Phœnix and Assurance have sailed, with the John and Abigail and the William under their convoy, with provisions for the ships at Jamaica, as also with 20 sail bound for the Isle of Wight. Two men belonging to the Cheriton have been suffocated with the noisome smells arising from the pump well, and others had nearly died through the neglect of the carpenter. A court martial was held on board the Dunbar respecting it; refers them to Judge Advocate Fowler's narrative. Hopes the carpenter may be made an example of, so that all such foolish, sottish, and careless fellows may be warned by it.	146
" "	Capt. Jo. Topping, *Tynemouth Castle.*	"	Hen. Tyson, master of the Hope of Amsterdam, and Paul Andrence, one of his men, drinking with some English seamen at Shields, Paul related how he broke prison at Yarmouth, and escaped to London, and on being advised to be careful what he said, he drew a knife, and swore he would stick his adviser. Has secured him, and he has since confessed that he was formerly taken in a Dunkirk man-of-war, and carried to Yarmouth, from whence he and six others made their escape. Is much solicited by some in the town to move the Admiralty Commissioners to obtain the release of Wm. Clerke and Mark Cooke, two masters, who have been prisoners in Ostend for some time, and who write their wives at Tynemouth that they are in a sad condition.	147
" "	Capt. T. Whitstone, *Phœnix, Portsmouth.*	Rob. Blackborne.	Wants the Admiralty Commissioners to grant him 6 more guns. Has never had more than 34, the number formerly allowed to frigates of his rate, but which, during his absence in transporting the Portuguese agent, were increased by the Generals to 40; in the Dutch war, the Phœnix never carried less than 46 or 48.	148
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	To similar effect. Is on board the hulk, and will be ready to haul on shore on Wednesday -	149
" 14	Capt. Rob. Clarke, *Poplar.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	The George being ready to sail from Chatham, desires the renewal of the warrant for Jno. Cox as gunner. All the other officers are on board; the last 3 days, has entered 50 men.	150

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Nov. 14	Capt. Rob. Colman, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	After his return from Holland, saw the fishers to their ports and none have been taken ; the very tempestuous weather makes sails and cables old before their time ; will want a recruit when he goes to Harwich to revictual.	Vol. 147. 151
,, ,,	Capt. Tho. Hurst, *Staines.*	,,	Having brought 69 Ostend pirates from Portsmouth, has sent his lieutenant for orders where to deliver them. Will quarter to-night at Hounslow and be in London by 11 to-morrow. They are very lame with their march, and have been a great trouble to get along.	152
,, ,,	Jas Puckle, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sent his letter on board the Elizabeth, returned from Holland. Has kept the Vulture to convoy the vessel with the brass ordnance, which having lost her cable, was forced in by the weather. The Hunter came in for more ballast, and the Pearl for victuals and a sail.	153
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Story, the *Hampshire, Catwater, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in to refit, and although much has to be done through the continual foul weather, will use all diligence to resail.	154
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Yarmouth Roads.*	,,	Will proceed to Leith, as ordered. The many storms have spoiled two cables, which he now much wants.	155
,, ,,	,, ,,	Navy Com^{rs}	Received a new boat and 3 doz. oars at Harwich ; hopes they will pay the bill 25*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.*, and supply him with cables, being ordered to Leith, to follow the instructions of Gen. Monk.	156
,, 15	Capt. Jno. Baskett, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for his commission and instructions. His guns having arrived, will soon be ready to sail ; there is much useless shot in the stores ; asks a warrant to receive 10 tons as ballast.	157
,, ,,	Josiah Child, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Not having received the butter and cheese from London, as expected, has procured sufficient to serve the Taunton and Mermaid, one of which has sailed to the Downs, and the other will go with Capt. Morgan the Victualler to-morrow. Hearing the wagons with the butter had arrived at Petersfield, to save the wind for the southward ships, procured a warrant from the Major for the wagons to travel to-morrow (the Lord's day), and then hopes to complete the victualling of the Bristol and President, so that they may also sail. Is sorry the want of commodities has occasioned such an interruption, but can justly acquit himself, as he gave advice as soon as informed of the wants, and could not provide at Portsmouth on any terms. The shipping of provisions is not his proper business, but the storekeeper's. Particulars of ships.	158
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Fenn, the *Bristol* [*Portsmouth*].	,,	Has all the guns on board, and on receipt of the butter and cheese, which is promised by Mr. Child on Sunday night from Petersfield, will be ready to sail.	159
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch, Dover.*	,,	Went to Harwich to refit, but was much delayed by the foul weather. Convoyed a hoy from thence, laden with provisions, bound for Dover, but lost her ; having seen the victualler's agent safely landed, will proceed to his station.	160

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Nov. 15	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has arrived from the Downs with the John and Abigail and William; will follow their orders -	Vol. 147. 161
„ „	Capt. Jer. Smyth, the *Dunbar, Downs.*	„	Recommends his minister, Walter Hawksworth, for the same salary as formerly granted, he having discharged the duties very satisfactorily. Sends this by Judge Advocate Fowler, who having been on board for some time, can personally speak on his behalf; others will add their testimony.	162
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	As the ship from Gottenburg with masts and deals is hourly expected, and the stores at Deptford and Woolwich want them, desires an order for her unlading there.	163
„ 16	Augustine Aldridge, *Lydney, Dean Forest.*	„	Shewell and Baylie sent a ship of London to Hunger Road for timber, and Roach and Baylie sent another soon afterwards; is lading them as fast as the trows come down.	Vol. 148. 1
„ „	Capt. Jo. Simmonds, the *Jersey, off the Lizard.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from Hurst with his convoys on the 12th, and although he has had little wind and hazy weather, hopes soon to gain the fleet.	2
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex, Plymouth Sound.*	„	Has had very foul weather since leaving Portsmouth, and received some damage, which has been repaired. Took a vessel of Middleburg, with iron and chesnuts from Bilboa, and having 3 Spaniards on board; has delivered her to the Prize Officers, and encloses her papers. There are 3 considerable ships in port, for whom he has ordered a convoy to Morlaix. Is going to ply off Scilly, to find the pirates that infest the coast, and will take the Wolf and Bramble with him. The Sapphire, Hampshire, and Bryar are fitting out.	3
„ 17	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to allow Capt. Wm. Pickering, late commander of the Fox fireship, burnt at Malaga, in service against the Spaniards, the wages, &c., of a captain of a 5th-rate frigate, from the time she entered into sea-pay to the discharge of the Nazeby, in which he served as lieutenant, but no wages are to be allowed to any lieutenant of the Nazeby from 27 Sept. last.	4
„	„ - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	To pay off the Weymouth pink at Deptford, and have her speedily refitted for service in the Channel.	5
„	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Portsmouth.*	„	The carpenters are proceeding with the repairs; will soon be ready to take in provisions. Desires a warrant for his master, who has been with him 14 months, and who is fit for the western parts, or the coast of France.	6
„	Josiah Child, *Portsmouth.*	„	Has completed the victualling of the Bristol and President, indented with the pursers, and is ready with the provisions for the other ships fitting out, but they will not be ready until next week. Mr. Poortman's clerk has left him 3,400*l.* towards paying ships; will commence on receiving orders, and obtain the assistance of his own and Comr. Willoughby's clerk. Hopes he will be allowed something for his pains, as he has not the customary benefit of drawing the money.	7

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Nov. 17	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	On coming to Chatham, found the George had been fitted and gone down, and will get her into the Hope. Desires payment of the wages due to the men who were turned into her from the Unicorn, and appointment of a ketch to attend her.	Vol. 148. 8
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Fenn, *Portsmouth.*	,,	The butter and cheese having arrived, and the victualler's agent promising to send it on board to-day, will endeavour to overtake the Taunton and John and Abigail, who sailed yesterday. Desires a supply of printed tickets.	9
,, ,,	John Green, *Deptford.*	—	Account of ships at Deptford	10
,, ,,	Jas. Hunt	Navy Com^rs	Petition for the gunner's place in the Raven. With certificate by Capt. Ben. Blake of his services as midshipman in the Gloucester, in a voyage to the West Indies, and of Col, Wm. Sydenham to his services as a gunner at Weymouth during the Dutch war.	11–13
,, ,,	Capt. N. Heaton, the *Gainsborough.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in to revictual, as ordered	14
,, ,,	Navy Comrs.	,,	Considered the petition and affidavits of Thos. South, of the Rebecca hoy, sunk while engaged by the State carrying beer to ships in the Downs, and find that compensation has formerly been granted to owners for similar losses,	15
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Particulars of ships	16
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	To similar effect. The master shipwright desires order for entering more men, having much work to do. Desires they will appoint a court martial for the trial of John Dixon, who is in safe custody.	17
,, ,,	Capt. Robt, Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs,*	Robt. Blackborne.	Hum. Bingelston is summonsed to appear before the Commissioners for buying goods out of the Palm prize; hopes his punishment will be equal to his offence, as the proprietors are to receive satisfaction in kind or value. Such of his company as were engaged in selling the goods have been punished; as he still holds 20*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*, part of the proceeds, by order of the court martial, desires order to pay it to the owners of the goods on account. Desires his influence on behalf of Capt. Jos. Cubitt, one of the owners, who did good service in the war with the Dutch; he and his family have always been for the present government.	18
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Hopes that Bingelstone, who is ordered to attend them, will receive his just reward, and have to make satisfaction to the proprietors for the goods illegally bought by him and his consorts. Such of his own company as were engaged in it have been punished, and ordered by the court martial to refund 20*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*, which he now holds, to make good such goods as were not found. The 17 packs of wool shall be disposed of, and the proceeds shared amongst his officers and company, who return thanks for so large a favor; will keep the silk stockings till further orders. When the Dunbar leaves the Downs, will endeavour so to manage the trust, and order the squadron, as to secure trade, and annoy the enemy. Hears that two Ostend frigates have been forced on shore near Dieppe, and that all the men in one were lost, and very few saved of the other.	19

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656.				Vol. 148.
Nov. 17	Capt. Rich. Potter, *President, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	On arriving at Portsmouth, found the President was only waiting for some more men and her butter and cheese.	20
" "	" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell.	Begs a pension for his sister, whose husband served under him until taken prisoner, and carried to Rochelle, and returning thence as a passenger in a merchant ship, was slain in a fight with Capt. Swart, leaving his wife and 2 children entirely destitute. Also remembrance of the 51*l.* disbursed, that he may be disengaged of it.	21
" "	Ja. Puckle, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Smith of the Pearl having convoyed over the vessels under his charge, will order him to Harwich. Capt. Gabriel Sanders of the Tiger has come in to repair and recruit, having been long cruising in the storms, and wants masts. Pilots are much wanted, and none will serve the State unless promised their wages. The Fame is still waiting in the Roads for orders, being leaky.	22
" "	Capt. Rob. Robinson, *the Preston, Humber.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has been waiting several days for an opportunity to sail, and being badly provided, it makes him more cautious. The coast is clear of the enemy, and will continue so unless there is better weather. There are 12 ships with lead, coals, and cloth, bound for London; as they desire it, will accompany them to the Roads.	23
" "	Capt. Gab. Sanders, *Tiger, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in to water and refit. Chased 1 of 3 vessels of 10 or 12 guns for several hours, and so closely that she was compelled to throw most of her guns overboard; also shot her mainmast by the board, but was compelled to leave her as a wreck, the sea being so violent.	24
" "	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	"	As the bill of imprest for 100*l.* received last May has been expended in carrying the Dunbar down to Halfway Tree, and docking and fitting the Grantham and others, desires another.	25
" "	Capt. Jer. Smyth, *the Dunbar, Downs.*	"	Sends an account of the Downs squadron, also an account by Thos. White for 8*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* paid for damage done to the Pembroke by being run into. As there are some Dunkirk men-of war in the Maas that have lately taken several English vessels, the Hawk ketch should be sent to ply about the Maas. Several ships arrived from Normandy report that 2 Dunkirk men-of-war were put on shore there by the late storms, and 80 of their men drowned, and that the rest were detained there prisoners. Particulars of ships.	26–28
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	"	Begs to enter 20 or 30 more workmen, there being much to be done; several good hands lately come home with the fleet have offered themselves.	29
" 18	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to treat for the purchase of fitting masts brought from New England in the Falcon flyboat, and to adjust the freight due to the State thereon.	30
" "	" - -	"	Order for cleaning the Norwich at Chatham, and victualling her for 4 months - - -	31
" "	" - -	"	" " Advice " " - - -	32
" "	" - -	"	Order for setting forth the Wakefield, and victualling her for 4 months for 110 men, for service in the Channel.	33
" "	" - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the company of the Unicorn, when she comes into the Hope, reserving 3 months' pay, and that of the Dunbar, now coming into Chatham.	34

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Nov. 18	Capt. John Best, *Adventure, Dover.*	Robt. Blackborne.	After leaving the Downs, chased a Dunkirk man-of-war off Boulogne, but although they lightened their ship by throwing ballast, &c., overboard, could not get up to him, and night coming on, he got into Seine Head, and had the sands to protect him.	Vol. 148. 35
,, ,,	Capt. Nath. Browne, *the Taunton, Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is about sailing with the John and Abigail with provisions for the fleet, and two merchantmen bound for Lisbon. The Jersey has sailed with the other victuallers; will follow her.	36
,, ,,	Capt. Valentine Tatnell, *Satisfaction, Gillingham.*	,,	Desires a warrant for Sam. Bradley, as chaplain, he having officiated for some time on board, and given great satisfaction. With certificate by Capt. Jno. Taylor, Wm. Thomson, and Thos. Colpott.	37
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth Dockyard.*	,,	Arrival and departure of ships - - - - - - - - -	38
,, ,,	Thos. Russell, and 11 others of the *Pearl.*	,,	Petition for an enquiry into the conduct of their commander, whom they accuse of drunkenness, cruelty, incapacity, misappropriating the stores, &c.	39
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Smith, *Pearl, Yarmouth Roads.*	,,	Is sorry to hear that some of his giddy-headed men, who have been lately punished, have much abused him to them, simply through his being too strict; they not only threatened his life, but also to run away with the boat; was compelled to carry a pistol for his own security. Is about sailing with the fleet for the Maas, but hopes to give satisfaction as to his conduct hereafter; can refer to Mr. Puckle as to the provisions received out of the Fame. Would rather lose his right arm than be exposed to such men's will, who neither fear God nor devil.	40
,, 19	Ja. Puckle, *Yarmouth*	,,	Delivered their letter to Capt. Wright who has gone for Harwich, and the Pearl with the fleet for the Maas. There has been a mutiny on board, and the captain, being in fear of his life, sent on shore for some soldiers. Not approving thereof, went on board himself and heard that it all arose from the captain's being too strict with the gunner and some disorderly men; having brought 4 of the principal ringleaders on shore, desires order concerning them, as they deny any ill intentions against the captain.	41
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Haddock, *Dragon, Hope.*	,,	Has been to the River Elbe with the Roebuck and Hamburg Merchant and other vessels, and brought back 2 hoys richly laden, belonging to the Merchant Adventurers' Company; could not stay for Nath. Cambridge's ship, from fear of being frozen up in the river. Asks a warrant for his chaplain, Robt. Walley, approved of by the Commissioners at Chatham.	42
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	,,	There has been a plot carried on for some time by several persons to deceive the State, and many poor people, by false administrations; believing Marriott and Smith to be the chiefs, although they will confess nothing, have sent them up, as also some examinations.	43

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Nov. 19	Thos. Newberry, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has nearly finished the stove for drying wet and defective powder, and arranged with a workman, who asks 14*s.* a week, or 8*d.* a barrel, for drying, sifting, and heading up again, or 1*s.* 2*d.* a barrel for the whole charge of fire, candle, labor, and cart hire; thinks the last most advantageous; desires order to contract with him, and deliver out the powder.	Vol. 148. 44
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Comrs	Has viewed Mr. Waights' timber, and thinks there are 100 loads, worth from 3*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* to 5*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* a load.	45
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Desires payment of 79*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.* to Jno. Babb, clothier of Chatham, for clothes supplied to 27 men belonging to the Merlin.	46
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth Dockyard.*	Adm. Com.	Received their letter through the prize officers, who complain of his having forcibly taken away some wood and tar, &c., out of the Galliot prize, under their care, as also of abusing them; was ordered by Major Bourne and Capt. Hatsell to take the wood for the service of the State, and the tar was given to him by Capt. Morgan, her commander; they are much prejudiced against him; will forbear answering all their charges until he is more composed, having much to do in the harbour, without anyone to assist him. Will dispatch the Phœnix and Assurance.	47
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whiteborne, the *Essex, off the Lizard.*	„	Has had very bad weather, and the Bramble and Wolf being damaged, has sent them to Scilly to refit. Is lying in the trade-way, and speaks vessels daily, but cannot hear of any pirates, although there are several small rogues lying in the Bay and thereabouts. Will search all Hollanders coming from the enemies' ports for passengers. Will supply the Fagon with some provisions; supposes others of the squadron will arrive shortly.	48
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Capt. Thos. Alderne for 2,000*l.*, on account for hemp bought in Holland for the navy.	49
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Gowen Hudson for 440*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*, being the cost and freight of 24 great masts, bought by Rich. Bradshaw, resident at Hamburg, for the navy, according to his letter annexed.	50
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to hire a ship for transporting cordage and sails to Gen. Blake's fleet on the coast of Spain, as also such a quantity of tar, pitch, &c., as Vice-Admiral Badiley, Capt. Stoakes, and other commanders, lately come home, judge fit, to go with the George and Unicorn, also bound to the fleet.	51
„ 20	„ - -	„	Order to take up 2 ketches to attend the George and Unicorn, bound to Gen. Blake's fleet on the coast of Spain.	52
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Vice-Adm. Badiley, for his pay and entertainment from 15 Feb. 1655–6 to the time of his discharge, 7 Nov., 267 days.	53
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to victual for 8 instead of 6 months the George, Unicorn, and Phœnix, bound southward.	54

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Nov. 20	Adm. Comrs. - -	Navy Com^rs	As there are but few frigates to be fitted out at Chatham, cannot see any need for an increase of workmen, if those allowed are kept to their duties. Will send a copy of the contract made with Major Burton for his cordage; what he has in hand belonging to the State is to be sent to Deptford. With reference to the loss of Thos. South's vessel in Mardike Pitts, ask what compensation has formerly been given in like cases.	Vol. 148. 55
" "	John Browne, *Harwich.*	"	Account of the wants of the Elizabeth and Fame; desires a supply of cables may be sent down -	56
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Desire order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Fox fireship, burnt in the Straits, as they have lately returned in another ship. With the order accordingly.	57
" "	" -	"	Capt. Haddock will attend them respecting the ship at Hamburg, laden with hemp; as there is great want of it and that river may soon be frozen up, a vessel should be dispatched to give her convoy at once.	58
" "	Jno. Browne, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Wants hemp and tar for the stores - - - - - - - -	59
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Particulars of ships. Is in great want of sheet-lead and leaden scuppers, and Mr. Lake will supply no more, through not being paid, as promised. Asks what can be done with him, there being no other plumber to deal with.	60
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Repair, arrival, and departure of ships. Desires victuals may be hastened down - -	61
" "	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	"	Capt. Smyth, of the Dunbar, will sail for Chatham River, and take the Hawk ketch with him, to be refitted for service on the coast of Holland, for securing trade, and annoying the enemy infesting those parts. The Cheriton is detained in the Downs, her commander being sick. Asks whether to send certain ships up to revictual and clean.	62
" "	Capt. Jer. Smyth, *Dunbar, Downs.*	"	Mr. Pitts is with Capt. Plumleigh. Having received a pilot from Chatham, will sail with the first wind, and hopes, on arriving there, for leave of absence, having had many alarms from his relations in the country of the damage done through his non-appearance. The Mermaid is convoying a vessel with stores for Portsmouth, and will then return to Capt. Hannam in the Kent in the Narrow. Capt. Best, of the Adventure, chased a Dunkirker of 8 guns on to the shoals of the coast of France. Suggests sending the Hawk ketch to ply off the Maas, as several Dunkirkers there lately surprised an English ship.	63
" 21	Capt. N. Heaton, *Plymouth.*	"	Has got the provisions on board for the fleet, but will put them on shore again, as ordered, and then proceed to sea. Has two months' provisions for himself.	64

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Nov. 21	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send papers relating to Rich. Marriott, *viz.*, His petition for release from prison, for being concerned with others in altering letters of administration, taken out to procure the wages and effects of deceased seamen, and then altering the names therein to suit other persons, whereby the Navy Office was defrauded of large sums. His declaration and examination. Two notes from Agnes, wife of Thos. Lane, to Majors Bourne and Thomson, desiring Marriott's release on bond, as he will be useful in discovering the others; she and her husband are out of pocket by attending them in the matter; they were offered the half of an administration of 35*l.* if they would personate the administrators of a deceased seaman. Also her deposition, and that of Mary Middleton, Marriott's mother-in-law, and of Wm. Barboure. Also note of the addresses of Marriott, Fras. Cotterell, and Rich. Elliot, persons concerned.	Vol. 148. 65–72
" "	Jno. Painter, barber-surgeon, and Rich. Benson, seamen of the *Dover*.	—	Deposition that Hen. Stoakes, a seaman lately deceased, before leaving the West Indies, made his will in their presence, and gave all his wages and effects to his sister, Katherine Morrice, and that such will has been concealed by John Barradell, a midshipman in the Dover, upon some private discontent.	73
" "	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Ipswich*.	Adm. Com.	His ship, the Hunter, has gone to Harwich, wanting provisions and sails, which Mr. Clarke, victualler at Ipswich, and Mr. Browne, have promised to supply, if ordered. Convoyed the Loyalty and Mary Ann to Dort, and then went to his station, and although he is now not fit to cross the seas in winter, will venture his life in any reasonable way; has already been in two sad storms.	74
" "	Christ. Pett - -	Mr. Turner.	Asks directions about ships, and a warrant for delivery of masts to Mr. Cadberry - -	75
	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston*, *Yarmouth Roads*.	Adm. Com.	Has come in with 13 sail from Hull, and being leaky and out of repair, desires order to refit -	76
" "	Jas. Puckle, *Yarmouth*.	"	Desires order for supplying Capt. Robinson with sails, ground tackle, &c. The Tiger has been supplied, and has returned to her station.	77
" "	" "	Navy Comrs.	There are 50 tons of cordage, of various sizes, in the stores, under the charge of his master, Major Wm. Burton.	78
" "	Capt. Giles Shelley, the *Guinea*, *Plymouth Sound*.	Adm. Com.	Sailed from Yarmouth Roads with the Jersey and the victuallers bound to the fleet, by order of Gen. Montague and Major-Gen. Kelsey, and parted with them off the Lizard; tried to gain St. Martin's Island, but was prevented by the winds. Spoke some Dutch vessels from Bordeaux and Nantes, and heard that there were some pickeroons near Belle Isle, and that the Dutchmen were plundered in their outward passage of all their provisions. 12 English vessels came from Bordeaux at the same time, but without convoy, and 14 more were nearly ready to sail. There were only two English ships in Nantes River, and a State's man-of-war at St. Martin's.	79

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1656. Nov. 21.	Capt. J. Whitstone, *Phœnix, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Phœnix is off the ground; hopes to sail within 8 days. While in the Downs, gave his surgeon leave to go to London, and as he has not since heard of him, is disposed to credit a report that he intends to knock off; if so, a speedy supply will be requisite, in regard of refitting the chest.	Vol. 148. 80
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Navy Office.*	Col. Jno. Clerke, Navy Comr	Has hired a ship of 220 tons, and consulted with Vice-Adm. Badiley and Capt. Stoakes as to what is fit to be sent to the fleet, over and above what was represented, and has given order for all things to be provided for shipping by Monday. Is in treaty for another ship of 350 tons to carry the beer, but the owner demands 5*s.* a ton more than was agreed for.	81
„ 22	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comr	Order to hire a vessel for transportation of 200 or 300 tuns of beer to Gen. Blake's fleet on the coast of Spain, as reasonably as possible, and to issue warrants to the victuallers for providing the beer in iron-bound casks, and as much in puncheons as possible, and to ship it with all speed, so as to go under convoy of the George and Unicorn, bound southward.	82
„ „	Capt. John Baskett, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Hopes to be ready to sail next week, if the joiners and carpenters finish, &c. - - -	83
„ „	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Portsmouth.*	„	Has set his new mainmast and is stopping the leaks, and hopes to be ready to sail by Friday. Wants some printed tickets.	84
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth Yard.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Received and delivered the Commissioners' letters and orders to the several captains, and will dispatch the ships. The Mermaid and others have come in.	85
„ „	Capt. H. Fenn, the *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail with the William, bound for Jamaica, with the first wind; could have gone long since, but she wanted men.	86
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Has got the Unicorn and the Drake out of dock, and will hasten their provisions on board, as well as those for the Norwich. Will dock the Advice, but the Dunbar has not yet arrived; will go down the river with the master attendant and shipwright, and ascertain the fittest place for the Satisfaction to ride at, for the purpose intended.	87
„ „	Wm. Smith, *Woolwich.*	Navy Comrs	Cannot complete the cables demanded in less than three weeks, but will work early and late, and send an account of the cordage in store.	88
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Will proceed to his station when refitted. Supplied the Pearl, at Yarmouth, with 7 days' victuals for 110 men, by order of Jas. Puckle, and has now but 3 weeks' left of what he took in at Leith.	89
„ „	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, Milford.*	„	Convoyed several vessels from Kinsale, by order of the Council at Dublin, and is repairing to Woolwich, as unless his ship is docked, she cannot continue serviceable.	90
„ 23	Capt. Rich. Bowen, *Mayflower, Dublin.*	„	Sends an order received from the Council at Dublin, to ply between Kinsale, Lundy Head, and Dublin, to secure the seas from pirates. Met the Nightingale, ordered to convoy vessels to France, and then return home. Is much out of repair and wants stores.	91, 22

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Nov. 23.	Jno.Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Has ordered the Raven to Deptford. Cannot hear anything of the Dunkirk prisoners, but imagines they got on board a Dutch man-of-war in Lee Road, or a vessel at Gravesend; cannot search without an order, and as one of the ships has taken in some prohibited goods, hopes it will be an inducement to grant one.	Vol. 148. 93
,, 24	Adm. Com.	NavyComrs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the officers and company of the Raven at Deptford	94
,, ,,	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has nearly completed the fitting out, and hopes soon to sail for Spithead	95
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Fenn, the *Bristol, Spithead.*	,,	Is still waiting with the William for a wind; wishes he were by himself, as, having a clean ship, he would soon be elsewhere.	96
,, ,,	Navy Comrs.	,,	On the petition of Sarah, widow of Thos. Webber, master of the Recovery, taken up by the governor of Barbadoes, to carry provisions to the fleet in America, for payment of a bill of exchange for 100*l.*, balance of 440*l.* due for freight, have examined the papers, and an account by Capt. Greg. Butler, one of the Commissioners in America, and recommend that it be allowed, the remainder having been received in sugar, and by a prize bought. With the order for payment accordingly, 26 Nov.	97, 98
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	,,	Sends an account of the Downs squadron, and particulars of other ships. Will send the Kentish up to Chatham when her provisions are expended.	99
,, ,,	Ja. Puckle, *Yarmouth.*	,,	Received their letter for Capt. Sanders of the Tiger, but having all he required, except gunner's stores, he had sailed to his station. The Pearl has returned, after seeing her convoy safe to the Maas. and in going to Woolwich to refit, will convoy 8 or 9 sail bound up the river. There are several more in harbour, including a cloth ship bound for the Maas, who desire a convoy at once, as the river may be frozen up. Will observe their directions as to engaging pilots.	100
,, ,,	Capt. Valentine Tatnell, *Satisfaction, Gillingham.*	,,	Has given constant attendance on board at his station, and attended Commissioner Pett for orders, and is lying near the Sovereign, close to Howe Creek, which the Commissioner intends stopping up, so that no ships can pass without their knowledge; they do not permit any to pass during the night, but known fishermen. The duties are very hard, as besides the men watching in boats and half watch on board nightly, they are commanded upon other duties. Wants more men.	101
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth Yard.*	,,	Particulars of the cleaning and victualling of ships	102

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1656. Nov. 24.	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth Yard.*	Capt. Fras. Willoughby Navy Com^{r}	To the same effect. Wants cables sent down by wagon. French hemp is now at 38*s.* to 40*s.* a cwt. The boatswain of the Rainbow has arrived.	Vol. 148. 103
„ 25	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Norwich at Chatham, as soon as she has been refitted and arrives in the Hope, reserving 3 months in hand.	104
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Capt. Thos. Alderne for 3,000*l.*, on account for a parcel of hemp bought in Holland for the navy.	105
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to pay the wages due to Walter Hawksworth for the time he acted as minister in the Dunbar, though he had no warrant.	106
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to examine and state the accounts of Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, for cleaning, victualling, and refitting the Weymouth pink.	107
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to consider a letter from Antho. Wilson and Rich. Greene, Commissioners for Prize Goods at Leith, enclosing account of cables, hawsers, cordage, &c., recovered from the Islip and other wrecks, and shipped in the White Rose of Leith, for London; also their account of disbursements therein, amounting to 336*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*, and to make all due allowances, and to see that such cables, hawsers, &c., as were so recovered, and supplied to other ships and vessels, are duly charged upon the proper officer of each ship, and that the remainder are delivered into the stores.	108–112
„ „	„ - -	„	To send to the masters of Surgeons' Hall to appoint a surgeon for the Phœnix frigate, commanded by Capt. Whitstone, the former having deserted.	113
„ „	Capt. Abra. Allgate, the *Oxford, Tilbury Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has been detained by wind and want of the gunner's stores. Mustered 70 on board, but several being youths, they will have to be cleared. Wants tickets.	114
„ „	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Elizabeth, Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Came in to wash, tallow, and revictual. Will be complete in 8 days, and will convoy a fleet from Yarmouth Roads to Rochelle. Desires a surgeon, having dismissed the last for misdemeanor, and a supply of medicine for the chest.	115
„ „	Capt. Joseph Cubitt, Mayor, *Dartmouth.*	Edw. Hopkins Adm. Comr.	A Dartmouth vessel, which went out under convoy of the Assistance and others, has been taken by Capt, Wm. Mildrum, of the Michael of Passage, in Biscay; 7 others came out of Biscay a few days before, one of which has arrived, and the others are on the coast of France, or in the Channel. Perceives by the last Biscay news-book that the King of Spain has been employing all the frigates on some other service.	116
„ „	Capt. Robt. Mackay, the *Yarmouth, St. Martin's Road.*	Adm. Com.	Sent several letters to Bordeaux to hasten away the fleet, and between 50 and 60 sail have since arrived in St. Martin's Road. Having been joined by the Assistance, Nonsuch, and Pembroke, will sail with the first wind.	117

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Nov. 25.	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Cleaning and victualling of ships. Is using up the cables and anchors received, and will ship those ordered for Chatham. Wants tar and hemp, and also some tallow; cannot procure any under 30*s.* per cwt. Hopes they will remember the plumber's business.	Vol. 148. 118
" "	Capt. Godfrey Reader, *Eaglet, Dover.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed 12 sail from Rye to France, in company with the Truelove, as also 5 sail from Newhaven to the Downs, and has now come in to clean and victual. Heard at Newhaven that two Ostenders had been cast away by the late storms, and all the men of oné drowned, and that 300 bodies had been lately taken up from various wrecks.	119
" "	Capt. Giles Shelley, the *Guinea, Plymouth Sound.*	"	Having received a letter directed to Capt. Hatsell, from 20 masters of ships at Falmouth, desiring a convoy to Rochelle and Bordeaux, has promised that if the wind is eastward, he will meet them with other ships; but if westward, they are to meet him.	120
" "	Capt. Edm. Thompson, *Leith.*	"	Has come in by order of General Monk, to take in another month's victuals and a cable, having worn the other out through so much bad weather.	121
" "	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Desires they will send a boat 25 feet long with the hoy that brings the gunner's stores for the Elizabeth.	122
" 26	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to Capt. Philemon Pownell, late commander of the Eaglet ketch -	123
" "	" - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for 200 tuns of beer to be shipped on board the vessel hired by Mr. Willoughby to carry provisions to Gen. Blake's fleet on the coast of Spain, and her stowage room to be filled up with victuals, there being another vessel designed to carry the remainder.	124
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Capt. Thos. Alderne for 3,000*l.* on account for victualling.	125
" "	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch, Harwich.*	"	Sends the muster book. Took in 6 weeks' provisions, and has been plying off Harwich - -	126
" "	Comrs. for Prizes -	Adm. Com.	Desire the delivery of the Sancta Clara, taken prize by Capt. Parker, of the Bryer, and brought into Plymouth, and the Ann of Dunkirk, taken by the Preston and brought into Yarmouth. Beg that the salaries of their deputies at the outposts may be settled, and an assistant allowed to Mr. Whittell, and that they may give gratuities to mariners bringing in prizes. Ask orders for the delivery of various prize goods in a list enclosed at London and Portsmouth, and directions about a ship sold at Dover by Capt. Bowry. Complain of the embezzlement of goods.	127, 128
" "	Capt. Thos. Eliot, *Fagon, Spithead.*	"	Hopes to get his frigate into harbour to-morrow, and will prosecute their commands with all diligence.	129
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Received their instructions for the Oxford, which has come down with 105 men, and has all her provisions and stores on board, but the officers being at London indenting, she will not sail for a few days. The George has 170 men; the Hawk has gone to Deptford.	130

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1656. Nov. 26	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is doing his utmost to get his ship out of harbour, but the carpenters have not yet finished. Wants 2 small guns for the quarter deck.	Vol. 148. 131
,, ,,	J. Puckle, *Yarmouth.*	,,	Sends the bond for appearance before them of the 4 men belonging to the Pearl, who were brought on shore for mutinous conduct. They say they have complained to the Admiralty Commissioners of their captain's drunkenness, and will prosecute him to the utmost. Never saw him drunk while at Yarmouth, nor did he come to shore except for orders. These 4 men however were on shore 6 days, during which time they spent 43*l.*, which the ship's company entered into a bond to pay jointly. Several vessels have come in from Boston, Hull, &c., and desire a convoy to the Maas.	132
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex*, *Plymouth Sound.*	,,	Has been plying at sea the better to secure trade, and came up with a French ship, called the Laylexseg of Dolonne, with fish, &c., which he has sent for Falmouth, and encloses the examination of Fras. Peping, her master, giving the names of the prisoners, and stating that he was taken by the St. Francis, alias the Leopaldus, of Ostend; that they saw no English ship, except one, which, before she would be taken, blew herself up, and so damaged the masts of the Leopaldus that she had to go into the Groine for new ones. That the Ostenders have 8 sail cruising off the Bay of Biscay, as well as others belonging to Dunkirk, and that most of the prizes they take are off Scilly, as they can make that island once in 3 days; also that the King of Spain is fitting other ships out at Passage. Will repair to the Downs, but has had very bad weather, and will communicate with Capt. Heaton for the better carrying on of affairs against these pirates.	133, 134
,, 27	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to the owners of the John ketch, of Stroud, for the freight due while attending upon the Rainbow, respiting the wages of the master and his mate.	135
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for cleaning and victualling the Hawk ketch at Deptford, for service in the Channel -	136
,, ,,	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	,,	Has treated for 3 tons of English tallow at 38*s.* a cwt., and will advise what quantity and at what price he can procure any at Ipswich. Particulars of ships.	137
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	The ship lost by Thos. South in Mardike Pitts was worth 200*l.* The State gave a prize ship to the owners of the Elizabeth hoy, sunk by the Dolphin in 1652, as compensation, and to the owners of another vessel similar to Mr. South's 60*l.*, being ⅓ her value.	138
,, ,,	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends the information of the officers of the Advice as to damage received off Burnt Island, Scotland, which is being made good at Chatham. The Dunbar has arrived at Bishop's Ness. Capt. Nutton, having received his instructions, will sail to the Hope to-morrow, and the Unicorn in a week. Dixon's trial is appointed for to-morrow; wished they had pitched on some fitter person to assist therein than himself.	139, 140
,, ,,	Lieut. Sam. Taverner, *Deal Castle.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a letter from Jno. Braine, master gunner at Deal Castle, asking payment of 17*l.* 19*s.* disbursed for the diet, &c. of Capt. Brewer, commander of an Ostend man-of-war, who was taken prisoner and committed to the castle 16 June last. Capt. Brewer is about to be removed, and has promised to pay Braine if the Commissioners will not.	141, 142

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1656. Nov. 28	Capt. David Dove, *Nicodemus*, *Tilbury Hope*.	Adm. Com.	Fetched the White Rose of Leith, with cables and cordage, from Inverness to Tilbury Hope, by order of General Monk, and convoyed 8 sail for Rochelle to Gravesend. Having been out some time, and being very leaky and foul, desires order to come in to clean and revictual.	Vol. 148. 143
" "	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull*.	"	As Capt. Thomson was instrumental in sinking the poor man's boat, as stated in his petition, hopes they will give him some satisfaction, and make the captain repay him. Desires order to appoint a convoy for 7 ships laden with lead, corn, &c., for London, being intreated by several merchants and masters.	144
" "	Capt. Phineas Pett, *Chatham*.	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a survey by Capt. Jno. Taylor of the house in which he resides; that it is neither wind nor water tight, and that the tarpaulin on the roof ought to be superseded with lead; wants something done, as the place is useless.	145–147
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham*.	"	The Dunbar has arrived at Ocumness, and is unshipping her ordnance, cables, &c., to lighten her, as the pilot refuses else to bring her up; her men will be at Deptford on Monday for their money. Particulars of other ships.	148
" "	Jas. Puckle, *Yarmouth*.	Adm. Com.	Delivered their letter to Capt. Robinson, of the Preston, who, with Capt. Rively of the Vulture, has gone as convoy with 11 sail, mostly richly laden, for Holland.	149
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston*, *Yarmouth Roads*.	"	Received their letter to come up to Chatham to refit, and will do so after convoying 12 ships bound for Holland. Is desired by Jas. Puckle, and several merchants and masters at Hull, to see them as far as he can.	150
" "	Capt. Robt. Story, the *Hampshire*, *Catwater*.	"	Has completed the refitting, and will sail to the mouth of the Channel, where he expects to meet Capt. Heaton plying between there and Scilly; hopes soon to find some of the enemies' frigates, for whose destruction nothing shall be wanting.	151
" 29	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order for paying off the Nicodemus at Deptford. - - - - - - -	152
" "	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Portsmouth*.	Robt. Blackborne.	Wants a warrant for Jas. Collings as master; also orders as to the number of men he is to carry, having victualled for 70; hears he is to have 10 more, and to be paid at Spithead next week. Has been delayed getting out by the rain, but will make all speed. The Wakefield shall not stay a minute for him.	153
" "	Capt. Jno. Baskett, *Portsmouth*.	"	Sends a receipt for 30 tickets. Will sail when completed, and hopes it will be to the terror of the enemy. Wants John Harrison, late of the Wakefield, as his minister.	154
" "	Capt. Thos. Bunn, *Billingsgate*.	[Navy Victualler.]	Recommends his surgeon for allowance for medicines supplied by him to soldiers transported in the Welcome; he sold 100*l.* worth to the Commissioners there, being well supplied.	155
" "	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *George*, *Hope*.	Adm. Com.	Being damaged through being run into by the Joshua, has sent to Chatham for a survey to be made of the defects; as it was entirely through carelessness, hopes they will send for Hen. Lawrence, master of the Joshua. With Capt. John Taylor's account of disbursements in her repair; total, 73*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*	156, 157
" "	" "	Navy Com^{rs}	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - -	158

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1656. Nov. 29	Major N. Bourne -	[Navy Victualler.]	Warrant for shipping 4 months' provisions on board the Norwich at Chatham - - -	Vol. 148. 159
" "	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Comrs	Has been to Ipswich, and can have 4 or 5 tons of English tallow at 37*s.* 6*d.* a cwt. Particulars of ships.	160
" "	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Elizabeth, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Towed in the Eastland Merchant, bound for the Straits, she having lost all her masts in a storm. Has cleaned and tallowed, and is taking in 4 months' provisions and stores.	161
" "	Capt. Rob. Grassingham, *Fame, Harwich.*	"	Delivered their orders to Capt. Duck, who is ready to sail, and sent those for Capt. Sansum to Jas. Puckle at Yarmouth, where he had gone. Is tallowing and victualling, and will return to his former station.	162
" "	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Portsmouth.*	"	Having completed the refitting, will proceed to his former station. Has received the 40 printed tickets; is sorry they are dissatisfied at his making out so many for his men, but when he returned from the Straits, he had many sick and wounded, and others with several months' pay due, and having large families, they were in need. Will be careful for the future.	163
" "	Major Pet. Murford, *Portsmouth.*	"	Has hired a town coach to bring up the late Spanish governor of Havanna, as also M. del Plato, and as many of his servants as the coach will carry. The rest will come by wagon with the goods, under conduct of a guard of horse.	164
" "	Capt. Mich. Nutton, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is cleaning and refitting the Norwich at Chatham, and hopes soon to get her into the Hope to victual. Wants removal into a 4th rate frigate, having had a similar command before.	165
" "	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Comrs	Has no long boats at Dover or Deal fit to send to Portsmouth, and those of the Resolution and Naseby were returned; has given orders for the repair of two. His bills this quarter come to near 600*l.*; having paid 300*l.* to poor men out of his own purse, hopes the bill he drew for 200*l.* on the 3rd inst. will be paid to the Dover post.	166
" "	Capt. J. Whitstone, *Phœnix, Portsmouth Harbour.*	Adm. Com.	Hopes to sail by Thursday, but wants a surgeon, not having heard from his former one since he was permitted to go for London.	167
" 30	Capt. Jno. Sharpe, *Bay of Wyers.*	Navy Comrs	Sends his muster books. Found Gen. Blake and some of his fleet in Cascaes Road, but the rest were cruising south of the Cape.	168
" "	Capt. Jno. Bowry -	Adm. Com.	Admits his error; regrets having offended them, and incurred the displeasure of his friends who were engaged for him; hopes to be reappointed to his frigate, or some other.	169
Nov.	———	—	Notes of beer and other provisions put on board ships named; of butter and cheese sent to Portsmouth; also that the Norwich is ready to take in her provisions as reported by Comr. Pett.	170–172
Dec. 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order for the survey and repair of the George, damaged by a merchant ship running foul of her -	Vol. 149. 1
" "	" - -	"	Order for refitting the Pearl at Deptford, and victualling her for 4 months for service in the Channel.	2

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 1	Capt. Fras. Cranwill, *Middlebury.*	Navy Comrs	Desires that his bills for disbursements, sent in by order of the Admiralty Commissioners, may be signed and delivered to his brother.	Vol. 149. 3
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Is hastening the repair and victualling of his ship, and hopes to sail this week - - -	4
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Cannot get the Dunbar higher than Ocumness, but has sent all but 50 of her men to Deptford for their money, and will discharge the rest when she arrives at the moorings. The master-shipwright and several men have gone to repair the damage done to the head of the George. Has ordered a strict account to be kept of the materials and workmanship required. Particulars of ships.	5
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	,,	According to directions from Col. Clerke, dispatched the Mermaid to transport Col. Lockhart, his Highness' ambassador, from Dieppe to Rye; the Dartmouth, Truelove, and Merlin, as convoy to some ships bound to Holland; the Accadia as convoy to a vessel with provisions for Harwich; the Eaglet to ply off the North Foreland; and the Kent to Chatham to revictual. There are several other vessels in the Downs, richly laden, bound for Rouen and Caen; will order the Adventure to see them to their ports, but others bound for Portsmouth and other places westward will have to wait for a convoy, as the commander of the Cheriton is not able to come on board. Sends a list of the Downs squadron; has supplied the Redhorse pink and Elizabeth with ammunition and gunners' stores, as desired by the ordnance officers, but it will prejudice the service if ships expect such supplies from his squadron.	6
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth Dockyard.*	,,	Repair and victualling of ships. Received and delivered the packets for Capt. Fenn, as also those for Jamaica.	7
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex, Downs.*	,,	Sailed from Plymouth Sound with Capt. Heaton, and has ordered the Griffin and Bramble to convoy 4 or 5 vessels from Torbay to Newhaven. Hears the prize has safely arrived at Fowey; asks what to do with the 5 prisoners he has on board.	8
,, ,,	Major Peter Murford, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Has hired one of the town's passage coaches to convey the prisoners, Don Diego de Villa Alva, late governor of Havanna, and M. del Plato, and their 6 servants, to London; the coach is waiting for the guard of horse, but 3 of the servants, with the goods, have gone by the wagon. The governor and his servants, since they were brought on shore by Gen. Montague, have been kept at the house of John Tarrant, the postmaster, who has engaged to see them safely delivered at Whitehall by Wednesday night or Thursday morning (being confident the governor, out of respect to his own honour, will submit), and then hopes his charges for their diet, lodging, &c., will be paid.	9
,, 2	,, ,,	,,	As the guard failed in attending, has sent up Don Diego de Villa Alva and M. del Plato, with their servants, in the custody of John Tarrant, the postmaster, who will give an account of his disbursements for their diet, coach hire, &c.	10

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 2	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Capt. Thos. Alderne for 1000*l.* on account of hemp bought for the service in Holland.	Vol. 149. 11
„ „	„ - -	„	„ „ „ 3500*l.* a week for 4 weeks, to carry on the victualling under his charge.	12
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to draw up an estimate of the wages due, to the 1st inst., to the companies of the several ships and frigates at sea, the West Indies, coast of Spain, and in the Channel.	13
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for payment of the wages due to the company of the Pearl at Deptford, suspending what is due to John Smith, the captain, and 17 others named, who have been guilty of mutiny.	14
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for refitting, cleaning, and revictualling the Fagons for 3 months, and paying the wages of her officers and company when she arrives at Spithead, retaining 3 months in hand.	15
„ „	Capt. Jer. Country, *Roe ketch, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed several vessels for London; has victualled for 10 weeks, and will proceed to his station.	16
„ „	Rob. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	Repair of the Portsmouth frigate. The Elizabeth, Row ketch, and Hunter, will sail to-morrow -	17
„ „	John Greene, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Account of 14 ships in ordinary at Deptford - - - - - - -	18
„ „	T. Loddington, *Victualling Office.*	Adm. Com.	Desires order for victualling the Wakefield and Fagons at Portsmouth; also that they will inform Col. Clerk that the beer for the Straits will be shipped to-day.	19
„ 3	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Portsmouth.*	„	Although neither himself nor his master are acquainted with the Irish coast, they are ready and willing to proceed, and would have been at Spithead if the wind had permitted.	20
„ „	Capt. Jno. Baskett, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	As the master of attendance has promised his cables on Friday, hopes to sail the next day; wants John Harrison, late chaplain of the Pearl, to go with him.	21
„ „	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in from Kinsale, and convoyed 3 ships laden with sugar, fruit, &c., as far as the Isle of Wight, and has returned to St. Helen's Road. Went on shore to report his arrival to Commander Willoughby, but as he was out, has been ordered by Capt. Thorowgood to bring in his ship to-morrow.	22
„ „	Fras. Baylie, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^{rs}	As his ship will be laden with the timber by the 13th, asks if she may then sail without a convoy	23
„ „	Capt. Hen. Fenn, the *Bristol, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Is still waiting with his convoy for a wind - - - - - - -	24
„ „	T. Loddington, *Victualling Office.*	„	Sends Major Burton's account for provisions supplied to some of the State's ships, and desires order for allowing it, although some receipts are wanting.	25

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1656. Dec. 3	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Will order the Amity and Truelove to Deptford when they arrive, and will send an account of his proceedings oftener. The Adventure and Red Horse are waiting for a wind to convoy 3 vessels for Newhaven and Caen. Hearing there are 4 Dunkirk men-of-war ready to come out from thence, wishes some frigates could be sent to check them; there are only 4 ships in the Downs.	Vol. 149. 26
" "	Jas. Puckle, *Yarmouth.*	"	The Preston and Vulture have returned, having convoyed the fleet into the Maas, and will sail for the Thames to-morrow. Being short of provisions, they could not wait to convoy any ships back; wants a frigate sent over for that purpose.	27
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Convoyed some vessels to the coast of Holland, and then made for Chatham to revictual, but has been detained by weather. Although he cannot hear of any of the enemies' ships, a man-of-war or two should be appointed for the north coast, to countenance trade.	28
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth Dockyard.*	"	The Paradox has come to Spithead, and will repair to Portsmouth, as ordered. Particulars of ships.	29
" 4	Adm. Com - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Benj. Sillam for 112*l.*, according to a bill of exchange enclosed, for disbursements for the Falcon flyboat in New England.	30
" "	John Barfoot - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the gunner's place in the Kinsale frigate, having so served the State 10 years; was in all the engagements with the Hollanders, and lately in the Half Moon, which, having been laid up at Deptford for the last 2 years, he has during that time been destitute, and has long waited upon them for employment. With certificate of Andrew Ashford and 2 others, of Stepney, co. Middlesex, in his favor.	31, 32
" "	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *George, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	The damage done to his ship's head will be made good in a week, there being many men at work. Two ships have just come in from New England.	33
" "	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, Thames Mouth.*	"	Having received 49 days' provisions for 35 men from the victuallers at Ipswich, will keep out as long as wind and weather permit, and take care of all vessels coming from Harwich.	34
" "	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Spithead.*	"	Will convoy some ships at Spithead bound to the Downs, and then proceed to his station. Was prevented from getting out of harbour by contrary winds.	35
" "	Capt. Saml. Sharland, the *Kinsale, Beaumaris.*	"	Received order from Lord Hen. Cromwell to bring Capt. Bringfield Claypole from Dublin to Holyhead, but waits for wind and weather to get to Dublin.	36
" "	Capt. Jo. Topping, *Tynemouth Castle.*	"	Paul Andreence is secured, and 4*d.* a day allowed him. Would have sent an account earlier, but has been staying for Mr. Taylor (Wm. Clerke's brother) to procure a certificate from some person of credit in York, as to what office Simon Spont held when he was taken. Desires their favor on Clerk's behalf, as he is an enemy to the Cavaliers, and several of his friends, who are honest and well affected, have suffered in the late wars. Has Capt. Tysen, and Brookes, his quarter-master, prisoners in Scarborough Castle; if either Spont or Brookes might be released, Clerke would have his liberty to come to England.	37

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1656.				Vol. 149.
Dec. 4	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	As the refitting and tallowing of the Fame will soon be completed, desires order for revictualling, as also for a boat, and a warrant for Philip Pecke to act as minister.	38
	—— *Plymouth.*	”	Sends his 2nd complaint against Mr. Clampe, master of the Constant Warwick, as also against the gunner and carpenter, for embezzling and selling stores belonging to that and other ships and prizes, as also of the master for being a great drunkard. Will inform them further of what he knows of some other officers of the western guard.	39
” 5	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages of Capt. Jno. Smith, of the Pearl, and of the 17 men of his company, notwithstanding the order of suspension of the 1st inst.	40
” ”	Capt. Pet. Bowen, *Mayflower.*	Adm. Com.	Sent a copy of his order from the Council at Dublin, and has since been cruising about the Salts and Dungarnon, but meeting with foul weather and having sprung a leak, had much difficulty in getting into Milford to repair. Having hauled on shore, and been supplied with materials by Rich. Browne of Pem[broke], hopes soon to be at sea. The Nightingale has again gone out, having been forced back twice before.	41
” ”	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	”	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - -	42
” ”	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Particulars of ships. As the Kentish has arrived at Gillingham, desires order as to disposing of her and her men; if they are to be paid off, hopes it may be at Chatham, as there is a fear they will see no more pays there. Is in great want of deals.	43
” ”	” ”	Adm. Com.	To similar effect - - - - - - - - - - -	44
” ”	Jas. Puckle, *Yarmouth.*	”	Received their order for Capt. Sansum of the Portsmouth to ply on the Northern coast, but he and the Tiger are at sea; 7 of the enemies' men-of-war are gone to the Northern coast and took 4 vessels yesterday, in sight of the town of Wells, 2 of which belonged to Yarmouth, and were laden with corn. Was requested to send some men-of-war to try and redeem the prizes, but there was no one but Capt. Country of the Rose ketch, and as there was no hope of his doing anything, he did not go. Sends a letter from some gentlemen in the town, and desires a convoy may be appointed for ships waiting for one. Having employed some men to recover an anchor and cable belonging to the Elizabeth, desires an order for paying them; 12*l*. will give content.	45
” ”	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Sole Bay.*	”	After revictualling, did his best to get to sea, but was prevented by the weather until the 24th ult. Since then, has been plying with the Tiger, and chased one of the enemies' men-of-war, but lost her by night coming on.	46
” ”	Thos. Wilde and 2 others, *Yarmouth.*	”	Having heard that a petition has been presented against Capt. Jno. Smith of the Pearl by his company, for being often drunk while at Yarmouth, beg to state that they have taken much notice of him, and never saw anything of that tendency in him, but found him a sober, discreet, diligent, and pliant man, and willing at all times to do the State service. With notes of the evidence against him partly in shorthand.	47, 48

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1656. Dec. 6	Phineas Pett, Jno. Browne, *Chatham.*	—	Receipt from David Fithie, merchant of London, of 883 cwt. of hemp into the stores at Chatham purchased by Wm. Greene.	Vol. 149. 49
” ”	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order for the speedy refitting and cleaning the Paradox at Portsmouth, and victualling her for 4 months, and on her arrival at Spithead, for payment of her officers and company, reserving 3 months in hand.	50
” ”	” - -	”	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Kentish frigate at Chatham -	51
” ”	” - -	Navy Comrs	Order to state the accounts of Nehemiah Bourne for refitting and setting forth ships at Harwich, and to make an allowance of 1½ per cent. on his account, for his pains.	52
” ”	Capt. Danl. Baker, *Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Has received 4 months' provisions for 80 men, and after they are paid off on Monday, will use his best endeavours to observe their orders; hopes to be allowed to carry 80 men.	53
” ”	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Portsmouth.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Sends a letter received at Kinsale; apologises for its delay, and desires orders - - -	54
” ”	Capt. Jno. Littlejohn, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a packet from the General, whom he left with 12 sail off the Southern Cape, the rest of the ships being at Lisbon for provisions; will proceed to the Thames as ordered; has 15 days' victuals on board.	55
” ”	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Norwich, Hope.*	”	Is waiting for provisions; some of his company have been on board 15 months. Received their order at Chatham, and will hasten to Leith with all speed; begs removal into another frigate. Wants more guns for his upper deck, there being 8 or 10 ports without.	56
” ”	” ”	Navy Comrs	To similar effect - - - - - - - - - - -	57
” ”	Ordnance Officers -	Adm. Com.	As 16 barrels of the powder returned into the stores from the Dover, lately arrived from the West Indies, are spoiled by salt water, and as the makers refuse to take it, desire order for its disposal, by sale or otherwise.	58
” ”	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Downs.*	”	Has given up the command of the Downs' squadron to Capt. Whitehorne, and acquainted him with their commands concerning the supply of gunners' stores; will set sail with the Oxford to ply in the Narrow, with the others designed for that service, but the foulness of the frigate renders her unserviceable for cruising. The Mermaid has returned to the Downs; the same day, ordered the Cheriton to Dover to clean and revictual.	59
” ”	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth Dockyard.*	”	Particulars of ships. Will send the minister intended for the Fagon to Mr. Bartlett, the minister of the town, for his approbation, he being a man in commission for trial of such.	60
” ”	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	”	The Norwich would have been ready last Tuesday, if the captain had been half as diligent in his duty as he was forward in informing against the shipwright, whose only error was in too great a compliance with his demands. The victualler also might have saved the labour of complaining of the deficiencies of the captains and masters of attendance; he should be ordered to keep punctually to such intimations as he may receive from himself. Particulars of ships.	61

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1656. Dec. 6	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex*, *Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a certificate by Jno. Hundson, his purser, as to victuals received from Portsmouth for 250 men for 126 days, which is the complete time they should last, notwithstanding the victualling for one day of 336 men taken prisoners in the St. John of Ostend. Has received and will observe their instructions. The Reserve and two others are ready to ply in the Narrow, and the Sparrow has gone as convoy to a vessel richly laden for Amsterdam, which is needful, there being 2 or 3 men-of-war upon that coast. Has appointed the Mermaid to convoy two vessels with the State's goods bound for Portsmouth to Spithead, and 10 or 12 more bound westward as far as the Wight. As there are several bound for Caen and Newhaven, has desired Capt. Plumleigh to send in two of the vessels plying with him in the Narrow; it will not in the least prejudice the service required. Hears from Dover that 3 men-of-war went out of Dunkirk last week, but which way is not known.	Vol. 149. 62, 63
" 7	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	"	The merchants return thanks for the convoy promised for their ships bound for London, most of which will be ready this week; as they have 8 others bound for Holland, and as there are 2 or 3 of the enemies' men-of-war upon that coast, they desire a convoy for them; they dare not stir without. The poor man who had given 12*l.* for the old boat returns thanks for the satisfaction given to him in the past, and hopes to be further considered. Has sent up his son, Ensign Rich. Elton, and hopes they will pay him the 20 nobles for the man.	64
" "	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	The Unicorn and Norwich have arrived in the Hope - - - - - -	65
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston*, *Chatham.*	"	Has come up to refit, and hopes his men will receive their wages before going to sea again, there being many months due, and their families much impoverished for want thereof.	66
" "	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth*, *Yarmouth.*	"	Will use all opportunity to get to his station and observe their commands - - -	67
" 8	Capt. Rich Cowes, *Portsmouth.*	"	Having orders to refit and victual, and having no purser, desires that one may be sent down, or Rich Barnes, his clerk of the check, appointed, he having so served for 6 years on board the Paradox. His steward is unfit for his employment, and did not give the seamen satisfaction during the voyage. Desires leave to come to London for 4 days.	68
" "	John Davies - -	—	Account of stores shipped on board the Champion for transportation to the fleet under Gen. Blake in the Straits.	69
" "	Capt. Thos. Eliot, *Portsmouth,*	Blackborne	Begs to remind him of a promise of 10 more men; is confident that the Admiralty Commissioners will grant it.	70
" "	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will proceed to his station, and not put into any road or harbour unless necessitated, but ply about and send a daily account of his actions.	71

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1656.				Vol. 149.
Dec. 8	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Received their commands through Mr. Blackborne, respecting his boatswain having 2 wives, and as it was a general report of his men, informed Capt. Willoughby. The boatswain admits that he had a wife in London when he joined, but not having seen her for years, and not knowing if she was living, he has since married another. Will sail to Spithead with the first wind.	72
" "	Capt. Hen. Fenn, the *Bristol, Spithead.*	"	Sailed with his convoy from Spithead on the 5th, but was forced to anchor off South Yarmouth the same day, and the next day was forced back, and remained until the 8th. The wind still blowing hard at S.W., returned to Spithead and will take in some petty warrant provisions, so that he may be able to keep his sea victuals until he sails.	73
" "	Navy Comrs - -	"	Send account of provisions received by and charged to Rich. Hooker, steward of the Weymouth pink; as the accounts of Capt. Wilkinson, her late commander, exceed the usual rate allowed, have declined to pass them.	74, 75
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Comrs	Objects to the disposal of any of the knee timber bought of Mr. Holland for the stores at Woolwich, by Mr. Shish for the stores at Deptford and Chatham, as it is much needed this would be contrary to the contract made with Mr. Waith, and the warrant for receiving it into the stores at Woolwich.	76
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Account of provisions required for the stores. Repair and victualling of ships. Desires they will inform the treasurer or paymaster that the men of the Kentish will be at Deptford on Wednesday for their money. Mrs. Isaacson died this evening.	77
" "	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Cheriton, Dover Pier.*	"	Is somewhat restored to health, and came in last Friday; the caulkers have been delayed by the foul weather; desires an order for building a forecastle, as the ship can well carry one.	78
" "	Thos. White, *Dover*	"	The Cheriton has come in to be caulked, and as the captain requires a forecastle, desires order for building one, that it may not hinder her dispatch.	79
" "	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has washed and tallowed, and is ready to take in provisions. Wrote to the Navy Commissioners for a long boat of 25 feet, his old one not being worth repairing.	80
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex, Downs.*	"	Several vessels have been prevented sailing to their stations with their convoys by contrary winds, and others have been forced in. A fleet of 50 merchantmen came out of Guernsey with Capt. Mackey, of the Assistance, bound for Bordeaux and other ports, and have arrived off the South Foreland. Will send an account of the stations of the Downs squadron. Will send 5 Ostend prisoners, whom he has on board, to Deptford, by the Amity or Truelove; one named Capt. Anth. Collard, offers himself in exchange for any English prisoner in Ostend, and the other 4 are sturdy fellows.	81
" "	Jas. Puckle, *Yarmouth.*	"	Sent for the Tiger and Portsmouth cruising off Southwold to come in; delivered Capt. Sansum their orders for plying on the north coast, and informed him of the rumour that the enemies' men-of-war there had lately taken 4 vessels; delivered Capt. Sanders his orders for going to the Maas to fetch over the ships there; he will sail to-morrow, and on his return, will require revictualling. The Elizabeth and her convoy are waiting in the Roads for a wind.	82

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1656. Dec. 8	Capt. Ga. Sanders, *Tiger*, *Yarmouth Roads*.	Adm. Com.	Received their orders and will make what haste he can. Knows his gunner's demands, and the shot he received by reason of Major Bourne's disposing of what he left with him, which was unknown to the ordnance officers when the rest of his stores were sent.	Vol. 149. 83
" "	Wm. Smith, *Woolwich*.	Mr. Turner.	Shipped the 10 cables for Gen. Blake's fleet in boatswain Ansdell's lighter last Thursday, and gave Mr. Davies an account; knows no cause for their delay, except the fog.	84
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard*, [*Portsmouth*].	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. The clerks have gone on board to pay the Hare. Gave Mr. Bayley, the master, his warrant; will try to send up the boatswain of the Sorlings to London, and has directed the clerks not to pay him. Mr. Tippetts has surveyed the defects of the Paradox, and she will soon be dispatched. Thinks the ships and frigates ordered for Ireland ought to be better fitted than those in the Channel, as they seldom receive a supply.	85
" 9	Capt. Robt. Mackey, the *Yarmouth*, *Downs*.	"	Left St. Martin's Road on the 2nd inst. with 60 sail bound for various ports, and, having left some of them in the Channel, has come in with the rest to the Downs. The Assistance has gone with a dozen bound for Lynn, Boston, &c. Many of the Bordeaux masters complain of the abuses offered to them at Blay Castle; it cost one of them 1,000 livres for not saluting the Castle, and another 600 or 700 for not doing it in the right place, besides imprisonment and other injuries. Having been 5 months off the ground, and being short of provisions, cables, &c., desires order to go up to Chatham to clean, as it will be dangerous doing so at Harwich during winter.	86
" "	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth*.	"	Is still detained by winds. Wants 2 small guns for his quarter deck. Referred his boatswain to Capt. Thorowgood, who has ordered him to appear before them, and he will start for London to-morrow. If he is dismissed, solicits the place for his mate, Rich. Driver.	87
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	"	Have drawn up an estimate of the wages due to the ships and frigates at sea, in the West Indies, on the coast of Spain, and in the Channel, to the 1st inst., total 247,207*l*. 15*s*. 6*d*.	88
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order for 10 more men for the Satisfaction, and 2 months' more provisions, it being found inconvenient to furnish her with petty warrant victuals.	89
" "	" - -	"	Order for refitting the Providence when she arrives at Portsmouth from Gen. Blake's fleet, and furnishing her with 6 months' provisions, she being designed for the southern expedition.	90
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Thos. Alderne, navy victualler, for 2,300*l*., on account of a parcel of hemp he is desired to buy in Holland.	91
" "	" - -	"	Order to allow 60*l*. to Thos. South, owner of the Rebecca hoy, which foundered while employed by the State in carrying beer to the Essex in Mardike Pitts, and which was worth 200*l*.	92
" 10	" -	"	Orders for the commander of the Anne and Joyce and Champion to sail to the Hope, and go under convoy of the George and Unicorn to General Blake's fleet, and to send invoices of their lading to the General.	93
" "	Capt. Danl. Baker, *Spithead*.	Adm. Com.	Could not be paid until to-day, the clerks being prevented from getting on board by extremity of weather. Waits the first opportunity of wind to depart.	94

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1656. Dec. 10	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The repairs being nearly completed, can take in the provisions next week, but has no one to take charge of them, his steward being unfit and much indebted to the victualler, and his clerk of the check gone to London to ask for the purser's place, having served 6 years as purser and check. If he is to be again sent to the Irish coast, wants more small cordage, and 10 more muskets for the men lately added.	Vol. 149. 95
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires order for 2 small guns promised by them and Col. Clerke when he was in London -	96
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Have received an account by the late victuallers for building and reparation of the State's houses, amounting to 5797*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.*, and there being a clause in the contract of 12 Jan. 1652–3,—stating that the proportion of victuals appointed for that year being so great, there was a necessity of making some new additions to the buildings used for that service, and agreeing that when such new buildings are erected, either at London, Portsmouth, Sandwich, or elsewhere, allowance should be made to the contractors, according to the goodness and condition of such buildings when the contract expires,—desire orders to guide them in settling the matter.	97
,, ,,	Capt. Mich. Nutton, the *Norwich, Hope.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Having most of his provisions on board, and expecting to sail, wants a minister, the former one having been discharged through illness; also some guns for the upper deck, having 8 or 10 ports without. His men have been paid to within 3 months.	98
,, ,,	Ordnance Officers -	Adm. Com.	A strict account is required from them of all stores received and issued at Chatham, Deptford, Woolwich, and the Tower, since the last survey, but unless the branch of the Ordnance at Chatham is continued in their hands, the State will be put to greater charge, and they will not be able to give the account required. Ask leave to appoint an officer for that place at 30*l.* a year, to be borne on the quarter books, and to send two labourers there, to take care of the stores and prevent embezzlements.	99
,, ,,	John Tippetts, Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard,* [*Portsmouth*].	,,	Victualling and sailing of ships. Yesterday being lecture day at the Yard, Mr. Bragg, minister for the navy, performed the duty; Mr. Bartlett, a Commissioner for trial of Navy Ministers, being present, examined Mr. Cade as to his fitness as minister of the Sorlings, and found him sound and orthodox, and nothing was urged against his life and conversation.	100
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	The Kentish's men were sent to Deptford for their money yesterday. The Advice is launched and ready to victual; hopes the disagreement between her captain and master has been determined, as they are wanted on board. The Preston having got as high as Upnor Castle, has been on board with the master shipwright, to prepare for her graving. Finds the charge for repairing the head of the George will amount to about 70*l.* The Gloucester is docked and, together with the Torrington, will be quickly dispatched.	101
,, 11	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make the same allowance to Capt. Wilkinson for victualling the Weymouth pink as was given to any others that made the like provision the same year.	102

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 11	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jer. Smyth, late commander of the Downs squadron, for an extra 5*s.* a day, during the time he served in the Essex and Dunbar, in respect of his extraordinary charges and expenses.	Vol. 149. 103
” ”	” - -	”	Order to make allowance for the extra men placed on the Fagons frigate, to bring their number up to 120.	104
” ”	” - -	”	Order to make out a bill to Robt. Willis, diver, for 250*l.*, for recovering a quantity of cordage sunk in a Dutch vessel.	105
” ”	” - -	”	Order to make allowance to Capt. Penhallowes, of the Beaver, for 16 supernumeraries employed by him for 5 or 6 days, and for carrying 3 extra men to the fleet.	106
” 12	” - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to allow Philip Langford, late master's mate of the Resolution, the pay of a captain of a 5th rate frigate, during the time he had charge of the Elias, a Spanish prize, deducting such pay as he received as master's mate of the Resolution.	107
” ”	Thos. Finch - -	Adm. Com.	Having freighted two vessels with provisions and ammunition for the garrison at Inverness, asks a convoy; had complaints of the last that was granted, hopes they will charge the next to be more watchful, and to keep their company to Inverness. Being confined to his rooms, has sent Mr. Hans, who will state where the ships lie in the Thames.	108
” ”	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	”	The repairs of the George's head are completed and her provisions on board. Mustered 357 men on board and about the ship, and pricked 62, but several are expected to return. The complement is 320, and the captain being at London, the lieutenant will not discharge any until he returns. Will allow the purser a warrant for harbour provisions. Also mustered 138 on the Unicorn, the rest being on shore. There is a want of various provisions; the captain is on shore getting his men on board, and will sail to-morrow.	109
” ”	Navy Comrs - -	”	Have directed the commanders of the Ann and Joyce and Champion to sail to the Hope, and take the convoy of the George and Unicorn to Gen. Blake's fleet, and will send copies of their bills of lading to Gen. Blake.	110
” ”	Capt. Mic. Nutton, the *Norwich*, *Gravesend.*	”	Has his victuals and stores on board; the boatswain and gunner are on shore, indenting for them, as also his men, procuring necessaries for the voyage, having been all paid last Tuesday to within 3 months. His master is unwell; desires his discharge, and another be sent down to Lee or Yarmouth.	111
” ”	Capt. Thomson, *Expedition, Scate Road, near Holy Island.*	”	Was ordered by Gen. Monk to ply off the Staples, and return once a week to Scate Road or Holy Island for further orders. Has been 7 days on his station, and met with very bad weather and long nights; wants an order for more provisions and stores.	112
” ”	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard*, [*Portsmouth*].	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends up John Holmes, boatswain of the Sorlings. That and the Wakefield will get out to-day -	113

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 12	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *George*, *Hope.*	Adm. Com.	The painters having finished the ship's head, will set up the rigging, and hopes to sail for the Downs, and ply on his station by Monday. Having a number of supernumeraries on board, asks whether to clear or detain them, or at least 13, in addition to his complement of 320 men, as there is no doubt they will be wanted in the fleet.	Vol. 149. 114
,, ,,	Capt. John Pley, *Dartmouth.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Has spoken with divers of the adventurers interested in the land allotted for the town, but very few are inclined to sell, and those will not dispose of their interest for less than they have laid out, including all charges and disbursements.	115
,, ,,	Daniel Sherley -	Navy Comrs.	Petition for an enquiry as to the truth of his complaint and information, viz., that he was one of the carpenters on board the Torrington in the late expedition to the West Indies, and although he faithfully discharged his duties for 2 years, he sustained insufferable abuses and injuries from John Woolger, the master carpenter, for not complying with his irregular practices. Woolger, while at Jamaica, sold a barrel of pitch, skin of tallow, and 80*l.* worth of prize plate at 4*s.* an ounce to those on board the Teneriffe Merchant. Complained to the Admiral, but Woolger's influence prevailed, so thought it convenient to wait until the ship came home, when by a strict investigation, the truth would come out. Since returning, Woolger, to prevent an enquiry, indicted him for slander, but did not appear to prosecute; was discharged by the jury, but has been put to extraordinary charges thereby. Woolger endeavoured to obtain petitioner's wages, by alleging he was his master, but having no indenture, they were paid to petitioner. Nevertheless upon coming forth, Woolger, with his wife and brother, violently set upon him, and took the money out of his pockets, whereupon he procured a warrant to apprehend them as felons, but not being inclined to take the rigour of the law, compounded with them for one half of it.	116
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	,,	Mr. Munday, the State's purveyor, has been about his accounts; surveyed such timber and plank as Suffolk usually affords, and finding there will be a further supply of all sorts needed shortly, and he having mentioned a quantity he has in view, which may be had at Easter, desires order therein.	117
,, 13	Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	,,	Desires a warrant for the delivery at Deptford of quiles required for the shrouds for ships fitting out at Woolwich; wants Mr. Turner to send down his bill of imprest.	118
,, ,,	Jno. Maisterman, *York.*	Adm. Com.	Mr. Bower of Burlington having petitioned for the release of the prisoners in York, Maj.-Gen. Lilburne has given order for their being cleared, and Spont is one of them; if speedy course is not taken for the release of our men by exchange, all the prisoners will be gone, some having escaped already.	119
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Got out of harbour to Spithead yesterday, his men have been paid, and as soon as the stores are on board, will sail. If his boatswain be dismissed, desires a warrant for Rich. Driver, who acts during his absence.	120

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 13	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Refitting and victualling of ships; asks whether to discharge 50 men belonging to the Dunbar, when she is brought up the river.	Vol. 149. 121
" "	" "	Navy Comrs	To like effect. Will examine the business of the carpenter of the Torrington next week - -	122
" "	Capt. John Taylor, Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Send a survey of the defects of the Torrington and Gloster; they can be perfected in 6 weeks, but the shipwrights should know what voyages they are intended for; ships merely employed about the Straits' mouth—as most of the great fleet were last summer—need no sheathing.	123
" "	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order to make out a bill to John Powell for 7*l.* for the relief of Ambrose Tooth, an officer attending the Admiralty Commissioners.	124
" "	" - -	"	Like order for 300*l.* to Col. Anthony Rous for his services as Admiralty Commissioner and Judge of the Probate Court.	125
" 15	" - -	"	Order for a survey of the Wildman at Portsmouth, and for her refitting with all speed, being required to carry beer to Gen. Blake's fleet.	126
" "	" - -	"	Order to transmit an account for materials and workmanship in repairing the head of the George, broken by the Joshua.	127
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Ensign Rich. Elton for 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, paid by Major Elton at Hull -	128
" "	Robt. Kaye, *Red Lion, Watling Street.*	Edw. Hopkins, *Navy Office.*	Received his note offering to pay the 140*l.* for Col. Middleton this afternoon out of his own money; asks if next Wednesday at 8 o'clock will suit, when he will have to attend at the Tower.	129
" "	Capt. Jno. Littlejohn, *Providence, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has arrived from Plymouth, where he revictualled for 10 days. His ship sails heavily, and is very foul, having been off the ground 13 months.	130
" "	Wm. Smith - -	Navy Comrs	The hemp delivered by Mr. Wood and brought down in the hoy of Wm. Haffield of Pickle Herring, has been much abused, and is 2 cwt. short. Rich. Broadmead, who bought it, says he was thrust ashore by another vessel, and had to disburden some of the freight, to get off with the spring tide. If the State is to bear the loss, hopes orders may be given, when hemp is put on board lighters, that they be more careful.	131
" "	Capt. Robt. Story, the *Hampshire, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Is taking in his 3 months' provisions, which is in wood-bound casks, and will sail when weather permits; wants sails and cables.	132
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex, Downs.*	Navy Comrs	The vessels for Portsmouth arrived on the 12th, and sailed next day, under convoy of the Yarmouth and Nonsuch. Has been compelled to grant some tickets lately.	133
" "	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Is taking in his provisions and will hasten to his station. Desires Phil. Pecke, who has served since last Sept., to be appointed as his minister.	134
" 16	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	"	Account of stores issued to ships. Cannot procure tallow either at Harwich or Ipswich, it having been all bought up.	135

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656.				Vol. 149.
Dec. 16	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *George, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Sends an account for pressing 58 men, also a list of volunteers to whom he paid conduct money, total, 22*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.*; hopes they will grant a bill to his wife.	136
" "	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	"	Sends a petition from some merchants, desiring a convoy for their ships bound to London, and hopes they will appoint Capt. Haddock of the Dragon, or some other.	137
" "	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	"	Will refit the Tiger speedily when she arrives. Has sent their order to the victualler at Ipswich, and letter to the commander of the Fame, who expects his provisions to-day, and will then sail.	138
" "	Capt. N. Heaton, the *Gainsborough, Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	Came into Catwater because of the foulness of this ship, and the fitness of the place, the Channel being clear of men-of-war; having supplied the Hampshire with cables and sails, cannot proceed to sea without them; desires they will order Capt. Hatsell to send some down. The Sapphire and Bryer have gone to the Soundings, as convoy to 14 sail bound southward.	139
" "	Capt. Robt. Mackay, the *Yarmouth, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from the Downs for Portsmouth, with the Nonsuch, and will haul on shore to wash and tallow. Wants 4 more guns, and as his chase-guns are bad, and one of 9 cwt. will throw a shot further than either of them, asks for two of the Spanish guns in their room.	140
" "	Thos. Morris, *Spithead*	"	Will sail to-day. Has been waiting for a boat - - - - - - -	141
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends a report from Capt. Taylor of the defects of the frigates in dock, and desires directions for putting them in hand. The paymaster has orders for paying off the Preston; begs delay until she arrives in the Hope, or little may be expected from her men.	142
" "	Capt. Robt. Story, the *Hampshire, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Having received all his provisions, and been refurnished by Capt. Heaton with the cables and powder he lent the Bryer, will sail to-morrow.	143
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Major Wm. Burton for 500*l.*, on account of cordage contracted for.	144
" "	" - -	"	Order for paying the wages of the officers and company of the Vulture - - - -	145
" 17	" - -	"	Order to pay off the Truelove at Deptford - - - - - - -	146
" "	" - -	"	Order to see that the anchors, cables, &c., brought from Leith in the Weymouth pink be received into the stores at Deptford, and such as relate to the Ordnance be sent to the Tower.	147
" "	Fras. Baylie, *Bristol*	"	Asks a convoy for his ship laden with timber for the navy - - - - - -	148
" "	Capt. David Dove, *London.*	Adm. Com.	Brought the Nicodemus up to Deptford, and she has been paid off; has attended several times at Whitehall to settle the business of the last victualling, and it is almost finished; begs further employment.	149
" "	H. Favell, Notary Public, *Holland.*	—	Translations out of Low Dutch of the depositions of Cornelius Reyers Van Crimpen, captain of the convoyer Busse, in the service of the great fishing company of the Maas, and several others, before the treasurers for fishing at Rotterdam, and before the magistrates and council of Schiedam, Brill, and Enchuysen, that while engaged in their herring fishery off Yarmouth, in Sept. and Oct. last, they were ordered off, and, refusing to go, were chased by several English Parliament vessels, who fired and threw stones at them, cut their nets, and compelled them to abandon their fishing and fly northwards. [9 *papers.*]	150–158

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1656. Dec. 17	E. Hayward, and 8 others.	—	Certificate for Thos. Jefferies for a cook's place, he having so served several years - -	Vol. 149. 159
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send survey made by Capt. Jno. Taylor and Phineas Pett, of the defects of the Gloucester and Torrington, in Chatham Dock; if they are designed for a voyage to the West Indies, desire order to have them resheathed.	160–162
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Plymouth Sound.*	,,	Put in at Guernsey on his return from St. Malo, and has convoyed 20 sail from Guernsey to Plymouth; after revictualling will proceed to the Downs.	163
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends the examination of Woolger, carpenter of the Torrington, and a petition; fears they will find much malice in the charge. Also sends a demand for making 51 anchors, and for stores that will shortly be wanted.	164
,, ,,	,, - -	Adm. Com.	Sends letters from Capt. Robt. Clarke of the George, and Capt. Jonas Poole of the Unicorn, alleging they have been prevented sailing from the Hope by contrary winds. Also particulars of the Advice, Preston, and Dunbar.	165–167
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends account for repair of the George's head - - - - - - -	168
,, ,,	Geo. Pley, *Weymouth*	Col. Clerke.	A bark belonging to St. Malo, with oranges and lemons bound for Rouen, has been forced in by the easterly winds. She was taken near Alderney by 3 Dunkirkers, who put 4 of their men in her and sent her for Dunkirk. Has secured her, and finds, besides the Dunkirkers, there are 2 Frenchmen, and one Englishman, who was taken last year by Capt. Welch, and has never had an opportunity to escape. Asks whether to send her men to Portland Castle or the county gaol, and what to do with the lading, it being a perishable commodity. They report that there are 10 frigates of good force at the Groine ready to come out.	169
,, ,,	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Unicorn, Hope.*	Robt. Blackborne.	After leaving him at Whitehall, went for the Hope where he arrived at midnight. Sent to Chatham for a pilot, who came on Monday; would have then sailed, but the wind was contrary. Sent his boats to Chatham to get men, so as to change some striplings aboard, and on their return, will prepare to depart. Wants a minister, as Robt. Howes, the last, has left him unworthily.	170
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood [*Portsmouth*] *Dockyard.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival and departure of ships - - - - - - - - -	171
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	To similar effect. The clerks are at a loss for books to pay the Paradox, there being neither clerk of the check nor purser.	172
,, ,,	Jas. Puckle, *Yarmouth.*	,,	The Tiger has returned from the Maas with 19 English ships, 16 of which belong to Yarmouth, and is now going to Harwich, taking with her some vessels bound for the Sound. There are several ships at Yarmouth bound for the Maas who desire a convoy, there being two of the enemies' men-of-war about who have taken several vessels, and were chased by Capt. Sanders.	173

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 18	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order for refitting and victualling, for 6 months, the Yarmouth, designed for the Southern expedition.	Vol. 149. 174
” ”	” - -	”	Order to examine the accounts of Capt. Thos. Fleet, late commander of the Falcon flyboat, and make him all just allowances for victuals, &c.	175
” ”	” - -	”	Order to examine by what means the cocoa nuts brought home in the Great Charity were 15,487 lbs. short in weight.	176
” ”	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	Having agreed with some merchants for the hire of a frigate to carry the beer to the Southern fleet from Plymouth or Dartmouth, at 40*s.* a tun, desires they will direct Capt. Hatsell to write the victualler at Plymouth to provide casks and liquor at either of those places.	177
” ”	Capt. Jno. Smith, *Ratcliffe.*	”	Hopes they will restore him to his command, and will take care for the future that no such things as were spoken of by that rude and malicious crew are ever proved against him. If enquiries are made at Woolwich, Harwich, or Hull, where he has cleaned and victualled, they will have a good account both of his carriage and activeness; left a precedent for every ship that came afterwards for quick dispatch.	178
” ”	Comr. Peter Pett, *Gravesend.*	”	The George and Unicorn will sail for the Downs to-morrow, having all on board as well as the pilots.	179
” ”	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	”	The George and Unicorn are still waiting in the Hope for a wind, the latter having 58 men above her complement, will discharge them to-morrow. Commissioner Pett has been on board both. The Champion of London, one of the victuallers, has arrived, and cleared.	180
” 19	” ”	”	The George and Unicorn have fallen down to the Lee Road, where the Norwich is riding with the Hull men; if the wind keeps southerly, they will soon get about. The Truelove went up yesterday.	181
” ”	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *George, Hope.*	”	Is still waiting for a wind, and will sail the first opportunity - - - - -	182
” ”	” ”	Robt. Blackborne.	Was under sail yesterday, but forced to anchor again - - - - - -	183
” ”	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Unicorn, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Will observe their commands as to William and Gilbert Gregory. Has sent away 50 supernumeraries, and whatever seamen of sound judgment could do, with such a ship as the Unicorn, will be attempted to the utmost; is about to resail.	184
” ”	” ”	Robt. Blackborne.	Sent his last by Capt. Ben. Gunsone. Endeavoured to sail yesterday, but the wind becoming violent, was forced to re-moor. Has 350 men, having cleared off the supernumeraries.	185
” ”	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The George and Unicorn went down the last tide, and it is hoped are as low as the Lee, and if the wind does not overblow, they will suddenly be in the Downs.	186
” ”	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order to allow Matthew Debell, late of the Nazeby, the pay of a master's mate of a 4th-rate frigate, for the time he served as such in the Spanish galleon.	187

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 19	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Whitehall.*	Navy Comrs	Having drawn a 5 days' bill upon them for 800*l.*, on account of disbursements amounting to 1,582*l.*, for affairs of the Navy at Plymouth, hopes it will receive dispatch.	Vol. 149. 188
" "	Rob. Saunders and Rob. Southwell, *Kinsale.*	[Adm. Com.]	The Sapphire being unfit to carry Col. Moore and his company to Jamaica, have hired the Plain Dealing at Kinsale to perform the voyage. Particulars of the contract.	189
" "	Rich. Lawrence, *Cork.*	[The Lord Deputy.]	Having taken depositions as to the unfitness of the Sapphire for the voyage, has landed all the goods, &c., out of her, and will make a survey of her defects. Is endeavouring by beat of drum and otherwise to raise the volunteers required, to go with Col. Moore, but having little hope of success, asks him to write to Limerick and Athlone, where a number of foot are quartered, and volunteers would be more easily obtained, as the noise of the late loss may not have had the same influence at so great a distance, and they will be much better than pressed men. With depositions of Capt. Jas. Williams and the other officers of the Sapphire, that while at sea on 25 Oct. last, they found, after a great storm, that she made water, and the pumps being choked, the company of 18 men had to continue baling her day and night, until they got into Cork Harbour. Heard Peniwell, one of the mates, assert he would not go the voyage in her unless he went fettered, and the surgeon wished himself on shore, if only with his skin, although he had 100*l.* ventured in her, and said if he got on shore, he would rather be hanged than go the voyage in her, unless she was repaired; many others alleged she was in a bad condition. 17 Dec.	190–192
" "	Capt. Thos. Marryott, *Limehouse.*	Adm. Com.	Has attended at Whitehall several times to thank them for their kindness while he was in the Dunbar, and also attended the Navy Commissioners to pass his accounts and obtain his wages, but as they decline paying him without order, begs a line or two, as he is in great want of his money.	193
" "	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Weymouth.*	"	Left Yarmouth the 17th, but has since been detained at Weymouth by the winds and snow, so that he could neither get to his convoy, nor they to him; has sent an express for them to meet him in Torbay.	194
" "	Navy Comrs. -	"	Send the examination of John Woolger, carpenter of the Torrington, on a complaint of his servant, Daniel Sherley, to the Navy Commissioners, charging him with embezzling and selling pitch and tallow, 80*l.* worth of prize plate, and with indicting Shirley at the sessions for slander, to prevent his appearing against him.	195, 196
" "	Ordnance officers -	"	Send request of Jno. Hill, chief constable of Bridlington, for a barrel of powder and some shot for the supply of 2 guns used to protect ships from the Dunkirkers, also receipt of the same from Fras. Gould, master gunner, by order of Capt. Jno. Smith, commander of the Pearl; desire the captain may be called upon to account for the same, as well as for two iron sakers delivered to some gentlemen at York.	197–179

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 20	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages of Capt. Penhallow, late commander of the Beaver, deducting what shall appear due to the State by his making false tickets or otherwise.	Vol. 149. 200
" "	" - -	"	Order to pay the wages of the officers and company of the Preston, refitting at Chatham, as soon as she arrives in the Hope, reserving 3 months in hand.	201
" "	" - -	" "	Like orders for the Yarmouth and Providence, refitting at Portsmouth, as soon as they arrive at Spithead.	202, 203
" "	" - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for the speedy refitting of the Reserve for service in the Channel, as soon as she arrives at Portsmouth, and her victualling for 4 months.	204
" "	" - -	"	Order to examine the papers and witnesses concerning frauds and misdemeanours committed by the master gunner and carpenter of the Constant Warwick, and the alleged intemperance of the minister, and to return the depositions taken.	205
" "	" - -	"	Order to allow the wages due to Capt. Thos. Marryot for the time he served in the Dunbar, notwithstanding an Order of the Council of State of 23rd Feb. With the said Order for stay of the wages of Marriot and his company, till they have satisfied the claims of John Hubin, German, and a general release from Hubin to Marriot of all actions and suits for taking his ship, called the Fortune of Flushing, while he was commander of the Discovery.	206–208
" "	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	On arriving at Portsmouth yesterday, found his frigate rigged and nearly ready for sailing, but the victualler will not supply any provisions without order, and the want of them will detain him.	209
" "	Rob. Peacock, *Portsmouth.*	Col. John Clerke.	Was prevented attending him, having the smallpox; reminds him of a promise to Lady Desborow to assist him in obtaining the clerk's place in the ropeyard at Portsmouth; Gen. Desborow and Maj.-Gen. Kelsey also promised help, and it is about to be settled.	210
" "	Capt. Rob. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	The Tiger ran aground coming into port, and lay there all the tide, beating very hard; having sent some boats to take out her guns, got her off, and will careen and see to her defects. The Fame will sail to-day, having been prevented by weather.	211
" "	Capt. Gab. Sanders, *Tiger, Harwich.*	"	After parting with his convoy, bound for London, made for Harwich, where the pilot ran the frigate upon a stone bank called the Ridge, where she lay beating for 10 hours; only got her off by taking out the guns and ballast, and was forced to cut away 2 cables and anchors, but hopes to regain them. The pilot, Thos. Waterson of Yarmouth, said he was as well acquainted with the place as his own house, and yet the rogue would not be convinced until the boats came; able pilots will not take charge for the salary allowed by the State, by which means the ships are exposed to many dangers. Will careen the frigate; sends a note of the gunner's stores.	212
" "	Phineas Pett, *Chatham Dockyard.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires he will support the petition of John Lavington, late carpenter of the Pelican, who sustained great loss when she was burnt in Stokes Bay, which has never been considered; he has been since employed in the yard, and has given satisfaction; repair of ships.	213

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 20	Capt. Robt. Robinson - - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Mr. Jackson, who is in great poverty; he served as purser 20 years, and part of the time under him in the Greyhound, when he resigned on account of his age, in favour of his son, who was lost in the ship.	Vol. 149. 214
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard* [*Portsmouth*].	Adm. Com.	Will haul the Nonsuch and Yarmouth on shore. The Providence has arrived at Spithead, and would have come in to-day but for bad weather. The victuallers have 300 firkins of butter, and a proportionable quantity of cheese in store.	215
" "	Capt. Val. Tatnell, Junr., *Satisfaction.*	"	Wants as his chaplain Jno. Lane, who has taught both privately and publicly at Chatham, and is highly esteemed, having many certificates from congregations, as also from the Searcher at the Dock. With like request from his company.	216, 217
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex, Downs.*	Navy Com^{rs}	As his squadron want sails, desires instructions before he orders any more to be made at Dover, as they may be had from Chatham, or some other of the stores. The Dartmouth wants a cable.	218
" 21	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a list of supernumeraries discharged from the George and Unicorn, with the time they served, &c. Has made out tickets for those discharged sick, who lived at Hull and other remote places, and had not a penny to help themselves; desires order as to giving tickets to the rest, or leaving it to the clerks. Capt. Poole sent 37 men up with their clothes in a hoy, and a request for him to pay the hoyman, who says he agreed with him for 1*s.* a man, and now the hoyman does not know where to get his money without the Commissioners' order; 18 of the men brought up have tickets, and the remainder are referred to him.	Vol. 150. 1–3
" 22	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, *Essex, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends the examination of the master of a Flemish hoy taken by the Cheriton and Mermaid in Mardike Pitts, a packet from Capt. Plumleigh, a letter of intelligence, an account of the Downs squadron, and particulars of other ships. The Oxford brought in the Love of Rotterdam, which was taken by Capt. Plumleigh in the Narrow, laden with salt, herrings, and tar, bound for Bilboa, and supposed for the enemy, and has sent her to the Prize Commissioners at Dover for further examination. Will send up Cotterell and the rest of the prisoners.	4
" "	Capt. Abra. Allgate, the *Oxford, Downs.*	"	Has been plying on his station with the Reserve and Adventure, but did not meet with any of the enemy, although he pursued and seized the Love of Rotterdam, laden with salt, herrings, and tar, which were assigned to some merchants at Bilboa for delivery to the enemy, and has sent her to the Commissioners of Prizes at Dover by order of Capt. Whitehorne. Has tried the sailing qualities of the Oxford against the Adventure, and finds the Oxford the better.	5
" "	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a demand for deals by the master of a Harwich hoy, who will bring them down at a lower rate than others. The Fame will sail to-day.	6
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The London is not sheathed, but the James, which is quite as fit for the Southern expedition, can be graved and ready for sea in 18 days, if men are procured to man her. The Preston is being tallowed, and her provisions have come down; she will sail this week.	7

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 22	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard,* [*Portsmouth.*]	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. Will send 10 bales of canvas, a suit of sails, and two cables for the Gainsborough, but thinks captains are not so careful of their sails as they ought to be; they let them lie by and rot until wanted, instead of continually using them.	Vol. 150. 8
,, ,,	Officers of *Constant Warwick.*	,,	Examinations of Thos. Smelt, late coxswain of the Constant Warwick, and Jacob Bryan, purser, charging Thos. Bitton, the gunner, with embezzling powder, and Robt. Leonard, the chaplain, of drunkenness. Also examinations of Thos. Bitton and 4 others on the same matters, 15 and 22 Dec.	9–11
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to suspend the pay due to Michael Harman, and 4 other seamen of the Preston - -	12
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for the speedy refitting of the Wildman at Portsmouth, to carry beer to Gen. Blake's fleet, and for victualling her for 8 months' dry provisions, and 4 months' beer.	13
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for the navy victualler to provide 200 tuns of beer in iron bound casks at Portsmouth, for shipment in the Wildman, to be transported to Blake's fleet.	14
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for the officers at Deptford not to proceed with the refitting of the Weymouth pink, she not being appointed as one of the winter guard.	15
,, 23	,, - -	,,	Order for refitting and victualling the Nonsuch at Portsmouth, for 4 months, for service in the Channel.	16
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill to John Fowler, judge-advocate of the fleet, for 4*l*. 16*s*. 4*d*., disbursed by him in travelling from London to Chatham.	17
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to suspend the wages due to Thos. Waterson, pilot of Yarmouth, for having run the Tiger aground upon the Ridge, near the entrance to the harbour at Harwich.	18
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to contract for the hire of the Rebecca, to carry 100 tuns of beer to Gen. Blake's fleet, and direct the navy victualler to send 100 tuns of beer to Dartmouth, and 200 to Plymouth, in iron bound casks, to be shipped in such vessels as Capt. Hen. Hatsell shall take up.	19
,, ,,	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Lizard, Kinsale.*	Adm. Com.	Left the orders for Capt. Parker with Capt. Heaton at Plymouth, and having completed his number of men, sailed for Kinsale, and delivered his instructions to the Governor; will diligently observe their commands.	20
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *George, Downs.*	,,	Came into the Downs from the Nore with the Unicorn, but only found one of the victuallers, supposed to be the Campion. Will make no stay, but ply for the Channel, and will deliver the packet received from Capt. Whitehorne when he meets with the fleets.	21
,, ,,	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Unicorn, Downs.*	Thos. Turner, *Navy Office.*	Sends the numbers of 5 printed tickets given to some of his men. Being in haste, was forced to take whatever men volunteered, and thus had many supernumeraries, but having garbled the whole, is now pretty well manned.	22

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 23	Capt. Mich. Nutton, the *Norwich*, *Queenborough.*	Blackborne.	Received his letter while under sail to the Lee. His new master having come on board, sailed with the convoy, of which he sends particulars, down the Swinn, but was forced to anchor through the northerly winds in Queenborough Water. The George and Unicorn are gone to the Downs.	Vol. 150 23
„ „	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter*, *Orfordness.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying about the Shoe Beacon, where the fleet of sprat boats fished until bad weather caused them to make for Tilbury Hope. Convoyed several vessels down the Swinn, laden with merchants' goods, and some with corn from Sandwich, bound to Mr. Clarke, the victualler at Ipswich, on the State's account. Is now plying off Orfordness, until ships arrive and require convoying to the river's mouth.	24
„ „	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	The Advice has come into the Hope. There are no other of the State's ships there - -	25
„ „	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity*, *Plymouth.*	„	Since arriving at Plymouth, has been forced to take in another month's provisions. The Lark with the convoy could not get in with him, on account of foul weather, but they have since arrived safe, and will resail with the first wind.	26
„ 24	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for Capt. Thos. Alderne to provide and ship 4 months' victuals for 5,600 men for Gen. Blake's fleet, one-third in beer, to see that it is good and packed in iron-bound casks, and to take up ships in the Thames, and at Portsmouth and Plymouth, for its transportation.	27
„ „	Capt. Fras. Allen, *London.*	„	Desires they will give a bill to Thos. Lewis for the balance of the money disbursed upon his frigate.	28
„ „	Fras. Baylie, *Bristol.*	„	The ship sailed this morning from King's Road, with his lading of timber - - -	29
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	In the late expedition to the West Indies, a tun of brandy was put on board the Portland, and Capt. Newberry being absent, the steward signed for it, and has since stood charged for it. The captain however alleges it was sent as a perquisite, and for his own use, and was no more than was given to other captains in the fleet. A stop has been laid upon his entertainment until the State has satisfaction therein, at which the captain is much troubled. Desire order therein, as it is the first case of the kind that has come before them.	30
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex*, *Downs.*	„	Received their warrant for Jno. Hills to be gunner of the Redhorse pink, and will call the carpenter before a Council of War. Appointed the Dartmouth to convoy 2 vessels with hemp, &c., on the State's account to Portsmouth. The Pembroke will be ready to come out to-morrow, and her provisions are expected in a few days; suggests that Capt. Groves should again have the command. As the great ship lately built at Dunkirk must come into the Splinter to take in her guns, ammunition, and provisions, intends sending some of the Downs squadron to try and destroy her, before she comes any further. Movements of ships.	31

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 24	Capt. J. Whitstone, *Phœnix, Falmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Took the Love and Honeycomb, bound for Lisbon, under his convoy, but the latter being leaky and likely to sink, put back with him for Falmouth; but a fog coming on, lost sight of him, so cannot say whether he got into Plymouth or was swallowed in the sea; putting aside the public concernment and the poor men's lives, this would be a meet reward for men who prefer self-interest before the public weal, in obtruding their own insufficient ships, and declaring them to be of ability, when they know they are not, whilst other able vessels of private men, ready to be employed at an easier rate, lie by. The wind being now fair, a ship of the Phœnix's charge should not wait longer for 3 or 4 score tuns of beer, being upon business of concernment, and will therefore set sail.	Vol. 150. 32
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood. *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	„	The Wolf and Griffin have arrived from Plymouth; has sent them 2 cables and a suit of sails for the Gainsborough, and 10 bales of canvas, assigned to Capt. Hatsell. The Dartmouth has arrived with 2 hoys from the Downs, with provisions for the yard. Recommends Baker, boatswain's mate of the Laurel, as boatswain for the Wildman. Wants a convoy for some ships at Cowes, bound for the Downs.	33
„ 25	Wm. Badiley and 4 others, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - -	34
„ „	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Since leaving Wivenho, has carried an anchor and cable to Chatham, and weighed another let slip by the Tiger off Harwich, which he delivered to the State's officers there; has since been plying on his station. Hears there are many of the enemies' small vessels abroad, waiting all opportunities, but will seek to prevent them.	35
„ „	Capt. Rich. Haddock, *Dragon, Leith Road.*	„	Went to Tynemouth Bar, to convoy some vessels bound southwards, but the wind changing easterly, weighed and plied off; as it continued with extremity for 3 or 4 days, was forced to Buffun Ness, and has ever since been plying back. Was compelled to put into Leith Road for ballast and water.	36
„ „	Wm. Harding -	Col. John Clarke and Edw. Hopkins.	Recommends for employment a friend who has been several years in the service of the Commonwealth; has had large experience of his worth.	37
„ „	Thos. Lewis - -	Robt. Blackborne.	In the absence of Mr. Loddington, sends an account of victuals issued by the navy victuallers in London and the outports to the fleet, upon the last declaration.	38, 39
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends an offer made by Capt. Taylor to supply masts, deals, and tar, at prices named; as he is in London, he should be treated with, they being much wanted. The ship with the lading has arrived at Chatham, and if a person is sent down to survey and certify their goodness and value, will make the best bargain he can.	40, 41

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 25	Geo. Hepton - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Petition to be carpenter of the Vulture on her next employment. With certificate by Capt. Ant. Rively that he so served under his command from the time he received his commission until 17 Dec. 1656, when the ship was paid off, and that during that time, he had no warrant for his place.	Vol. 150. 42, 43
„ „	Capt. Ri. Rooth, the *Dartmouth, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Has convoyed two vessels laden with State's goods from the Downs to Spithead, and, as ordered by Capt. Whitehorne, has given notice that he will convoy back any bound that way, as soon as the weather permits. Must take in another week's provisions.	44
„ „	Major Jo. Wade, *Little Dean.*	„	Sends a contract entered into with Capt. Jas. Bowman, of the John and Mary, of London, for freight of crows, iron hoops, &c., manufactured at the forge in Dean Forest, to the Tower, being at the rate of 1*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.* per ton, with bill of lading of the quantity shipped. Will have a considerable number of the other sorts ordered by the Navy Commissioners ready on the arrival of the next ship, and hopes his imprest bills will be sent.	45, 46
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends copy of the above bill of lading, signed by Capt. Jas. Bowman - - - -	47
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for the speedy refitting the James and Kentish at Chatham, and the Rainbow at Portsmouth, for the Southern expedition, and the supplying them with 8 months' provisions.	48
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to certify the condition of the Laurel, Portland, and Dover, and whether the Elias or Princess Maria can be the soonest fitted for the Southern expedition.	49
„ 26	„ - -	„	Order for the speedy refitting the Elias at Woolwich, and victualling her for 8 months for 140 men for the Southern expedition.	50
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to allow 20 additional caulkers for 14 days, for the dispatch of the ships at Woolwich -	51
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Finds that Thos. Waterson, pilot of the Tiger, is a very able and efficient man, however that miscarriage fell out; when he can find him, will send him up to Whitehall as ordered; but if they send for pilots and make them suffer when anything casually occurs, they will not get them for the service on any terms.	52
„ „	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Spithead.*	„	On receipt of their order to go for Ireland, went to the victualler for the provisions, and having received them, went to Spithead, where they were paid off to within 3 months. Will be ready to sail this evening.	53
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	„	Details of ships fitting at Woolwich for Gen. Blake's fleet; will hire freight for transportation of the victuals.	54
„ „	Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	„	The Paradox has sailed; hopes the sails, canvas, and cables were opportunely sent. The Nonsuch has taken in 17 tuns of beer, and if the weather serves, will sail for the Downs, and the Yarmouth to Spithead. The master complains of the gunner, and there are no mates. The Wildman is being rigged. Particulars of other ships.	55
„ „	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, Kinsale.*	„	After leaving Milford, put into Kinsale, and convoyed several vessels therefrom. Such a continuance of fogs, calms, and easterly winds has not been known; will lose no opportunity to accomplish their orders.	56

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 27	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to confer with Capt. Ben. Blake, Capt. Newberry, and other officers lately come from the West Indies, as to what sort of provisions should be sent to Jamaica for the land and sea forces for 4 months, for 3,000 men, and to give directions to the victuallers to provide the same with all speed, except brandy, for which orders have been issued.	Vol. 150. 57
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Thos. Alderne for 2,000*l.* imprest, on account for hemp, &c., which he has directions to buy for the navy.	58
" "	" - -	"	Order to confer with Vice-Adm. Badiley and other officers of the fleet, as to the serviceableness of a quantity of pricked wines in London, for making a beverage for the fleet on the coast of Spain.	59
" 28	Col. Thos. Fitch, *Hamton's End.*	Adm. Com.	Requests them to order the man-of-war going as convoy to some vessels with provisions for Leith to convoy some others he has laden with provisions and stores as far as Inverness, otherwise he will have difficulty with the owners about sailing. Lord Gen. Monk has ordered some more forces to march thither, to be ready for field service. Would have attended them but is too ill to travel.	60
" "	Capt. Gab. Sanders, *Tiger, Harwich.*	"	Finds they are troubled that the Tiger is so often exposed to danger, and think that if he or his master had been present, and discharged their duty, the late accident might have been prevented. Has had the command of her for 4 years, been in many hot contests with the enemy, and been exposed to many dangers, but has kept her from one penny damage, and if he or his master, to whom the navigation of the ship was committed, had been acquainted with Harwich, he would not have taken a pilot, or entrusted him, unless confident of his abilities. Desires examination; will do his utmost in getting her repaired, refitted, and victualled, but must refer to the shipwright for particulars of damage sustained.	61
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Preparation and victualling of ships for the Southern expedition. With list by Thos. Sprigge of victuals shipped.	62, 63
" 29	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Hope.*	"	Has received his beer, &c., but waits for the beef and pork. Hearing the hoy containing it had sprung a leak and put into Chatham, has sent the purser to put it into another hoy, and will go to the Lee Road to meet him; as soon as it is on board, will set sail.	64
" "	Danl. Adams, *Bristol.*	Navy Comrs	Sent Capt. Marryott his bill and receipt, but as they have miscarried, encloses copies - -	65
" "	Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	"	The landlord of the Creek will grant a lease of it for 15 years, at 10*l.* a year and 10*l.* fine, for the purpose of setting up posts for better securing ships lying there, and they will have the benefit of the reeds, 8,000 a year, growing on it, which may be gathered at a very easy charge.	66
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Assistance sailed 15 days since for Leith. Was forced to supply him with bread; when he returns, will send him to Chatham, if he does not victual in Scotland. The Fame has not yet returned. There are 12 sail waiting for a convoy to the Maas, some being Hull men, laden with cloth and lead.	67

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 29	Major Wm. Burton,	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Those who assert that Capt. Colman is not a favourer of godliness abuse him; has known him 16 years; if his chaplain was ever out of his place, he would do the duty himself, and he kept a man on board to learn the young men writing and arithmetic. Has enquired respecting him of Mr. Bridge, the pastor, and although Capt. Colman is not one of Bridge's members, his wife is, and is a very good woman. Hopes they will not harbour any evil thoughts until they have heard the truth; it may be the complaint of some purser. The English and Holland hemp are very good; asks if he shall double the order.	Vol. 150. 68
„ „	Peter Cole - -	Navy Com^{rs}	He and Thos. Broughton, of New England, have furnished the State for years with such New England masts as were required; it would be an advantage if they would make a contract with him for a yearly supply.	69
„ „	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Elizabeth, Falmouth.*	„	Has been plying at sea since his last, with the fleet bound for Bordeaux and Rochelle, and is now forced in by foul meather.	70
„ „	Capt. Jer. Country, *Roe ketch, Lynn.*	„	Convoyed some vessels from Harwich towards the Deeps, and hearing that 3 of the enemies' men-of-war had been upon the coast, and taken 2 vessels of Wells, laden with corn, has been lying there, and is now come in to water; will then convoy some vessels bound for London.	71
„ „	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed 6 ships from Spithead to the Downs, but was much driven about by the stormy weather. Hearing that 2 of the enemies' men-of-war were upon the coast, lay off and on 6 days, and chased 3, of which two were Hollanders from Scotland, and the other a man-of-war, which they lost in the chase. Is in a condition to keep at sea.	72
„ „	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	Several Scotch ships have come down with provisions for the State, and pretend that the Advice is to convoy them, but its purser says that as most of her provisions have been damaged by being sent down in an old and leaky hoy, they are unserviceable. The Norwich is still in Queenborough, with the Hull and Scotch ships.	73
„ „	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Torbay.*	„	Arrived in Torbay, with 10 vessels under convoy, from the Wight, Weymouth, and Lynn; sent his mate to hasten out the Apsam men, but could not sail till the 28th, and was then forced back by the foul weather.	74
„ „	Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Accounts of ships at Deptford on rigging wages, their numbers of men, &c. - - -	75
„ „	Capt. Ri. Rooth, the *Dartmouth, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Has been prevented sailing to the Downs with his convoy by contrary winds. Has seized leather worth 6*l.* on board a Hollander, laden with sugar and tobacco from Lisbon, bound for Rouen, which leather was bought by a French passenger at Cowes, and was all the goods he had to carry with him; asks what to do with it.	76

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 29	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard*, [*Portsmouth*].	Adm. Com.	Judges Baker, boatswain of the Wildman, to be an able man, and hopes he will be honest. Both himself and Mr. Newberry have examined the gunner of the Yarmouth, and although they do not find him so sharp-sighted as some men, yet not so purblind but he can see far and near enough to do the State service; Newberry says he is a very solid man. Hopes the respective ships will be ready by the time hinted.	Vol. 150. 77
,, ,,	Thos. White, *Dover*.	Navy Com^rs	Sends his quarter's account, and hopes they will give his son all dispatch, and not cut off the pence, as he receives little for his services, and is out of pocket. Would have waited on them, but has a cold, and is looking for the coming in of the Dartmouth to clean and refit; dares not be absent when any ships are expected or in hand. Does not complain of any of the men, but they complain of him, that he makes them do as much work in 3 or 4 days as would take 14 in any other port.	78
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex*, *Downs*.	,,	Sends receipt for an anchor supplied to Thos. Hoare, master of the John and Mary of London, laden with provisions for London on the State's account, which he has promised to return on his arrival. Will act as they desire, and with as little charge to the State as possible.	79
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. Will send Cotterell and the other 4 prisoners up to Woolwich in the Adventure, the other sent on shore sick having escaped. Has had very sharp weather lately.	80
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve*, *Downs*.	,,	Has been plying on his station, and came in to proceed to Chatham to clean and revictual	81
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch*, *Portsmouth*.	,,	Has repaired, and is taking in his provisions. Will send an account of his men, as some are absent about their arrears of pay; if he goes towards the Downs, will soon recruit again.	82
,, 30	Capt. N. Heaton, the *Gainsborough*, *Plymouth*.	,,	Received their order for convoying the ships with the beer to the fleet, and will endeavour to get into the Sound to day, and find the Wakefield, or leave orders for her.	83
,, ,,	Capt. Giles Shelly, the *Guinea*, *Plymouth Sound*.	,,	Convoyed 2 ships from Plymouth, bound for Bordeaux, and 22 from Falmouth, to St. Martin's Island. Sent to Rochelle to hear what ships were ready for England, and convoyed several from St. Martin's, bound to Cork, Glasgow, Bristol, &c. Met a Dunkirk man-of-war, and engaged with him, but not being able to leave his convoy, the man-of-war escaped, after scalding 8 of his men, and damaging the stem of his ship off the Lizard. Spoke the Phœnix, bound from Falmouth to the fleet.	84

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656. Dec. 30	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	Has laden 4 tons of culverin and round shot on board the John and Mary of London, and 60 tons on the Friendship of Bristol.	Vol. 150. 85
,, ,,	Wm. Warren - -	Mr. Hopkins.	There being 3,000*l.* due to him last July, the Admiralty Committee ordered him 1,250*l.* on his promising not to trouble them again until in the same great necessity. As there is now more than the first sum still due, for goods delivered at a low rate, on promise of ready money, begs 1,000*l.* to supply present occasions, having no friend in the Committee; although a stranger to him, hopes for justice.	86
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to allow the pay due to John Midgley, late master's mate of the John of Stroud, notwithstanding any order of suspension, defalking 4*l.* 10*s.* received by him of one of the mariners for his passage to England.	87
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Capt. Thos. Alderne for 3,500*l.* a week for 4 weeks, to commence from the determination of the last order, for enabling him to carry on the victualling.	88
,, 31	,, - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Nonsuch as soon as she arrives at Spithead, reserving 3 months' pay in hand -	89
,, ,,	Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Asks whether the Constant Warwick and Cornelian are to be tallowed before they leave the dock. Noted, only the former to be done.	90
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Curle, *Sparrow pink, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Was sent by Capt. Whitehorne to Plymouth with some cables, and has since been advised by Capt. Thorowgood to refit and victual at Portsmouth. Having been long in the service, and most of the time had the command, desires to be removed; his officers and men want some money for their families.	91
,, ,,	T. Lodington, *Victualling Office.*	,,	Account of money required next January for payments on contract for provisions and freights, without which the business cannot be carried on. Total, exclusive of incidental charges, 34,996*l.*	92
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Return the papers relating to misdemeanours of the officers of the Constant Warwick, with examinations taken thereon.	93
,, ,,	Symon Pryor, *Fame, Yarmouth.*	,,	Reminds them of their promise to procure him better employment. Has served at sea 9 years, and is now gunner in the Fame.	94
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Chatham.*	,,	His frigate, having been refitted, is now a brave man-of-war, and fit for the Straits. Is taking in his provisions, and expects to get into the Hope to-morrow.	95

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656 ?	Jas. Bonnar, master of the *Sapphire.*	Adm. Com.	To be her commander. Served under Capt. Nixon in reducing Limerick and Galway and was in the war with the Dutch, and on 27 Sept. 1655 brought into Plymouth the Loyal James of Brest of 11 guns.	Vol. 150. 96
”	Rob. Fuller and 7 masters, &c., of ships for *Bordeaux.*	”	For convoy for their 10 vessels which are of small force but great value, and it would ruin them to be taken, of which there is danger by reason of the Spanish men-of-war in Bordeaux river.	97
”	Rich. Bradford, late lieutenant of the *Laurel.*	”	For employment. Served as lieutenant and then as midshipman of the Laurel, and was wonderfully preserved when the ship was lost, being the last man that left her, but lost his clothes, books, &c., and only saved his life.	98
”	Jas. Buck, carpenter of the *Resolution.*	”	To retain his place, or return to the Vanguard, from which the late Admiralty Commissioners removed him to the Resolution, and Jas. Bonner, the former carpenter, now tries to oust him from his place.	99
”	Wm. Chisworth and other owners of the *Recovery.*	”	For restoration of the ship which they bought at full value, and sent it to Sunderland laden with coals, but it was taken by a Dunkirk pirate, retaken by the Portsmouth, and brought into Scarborough.	100
”	Mat. Hadlow, boatswain of the *Amity.*	”	For a renewed warrant on the Amity, where he has been 4 years and has served the State 10 years.	101
”	Inhabitants of *Halifax, co. York.*	”	For payment of 29*l.* 10*s.*, the charge of quartering 30 Dunkirk prisoners, from 1 April to 28 May 1656, at 4*d.* a man per day, sent there from York by order of Maj.-Gen. Lilburne.	102
”	Thos. Hall, waterman.	”	For discharge from the Sampson of his son, Chas. Hall, to help him in his trade, he and his wife being almost past labour.	103
”	Isabel, wife of Wm. Harrison.	”	For release of her husband, who has lain 9 weeks in Dunkirk prison, in exchange for Mich. Pascall, prisoner in Chelsea College. Has 2 children, in great distress and cannot help her husband.	104
”	John Herbert, late cook in the *Falcon.*	”	To be cook in the Phœnix, the cook being lately dead - - - - - -	105
”	Wm. Hernaman, And. Mosse, and Wm. Gard, prisoners at *St. Sebastian.*	”	Were taken in the John of Dartmouth going from Newfoundland to Avero. Beg release of Capt. Zachirias, John Warronet, and Thos. Coddee, of St. Sebastian's, Spanish prisoners in Plymouth, in exchange for them.	106

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1656 ?				Vol. 150.
„	Rich. Hore and Geo. Wilkinson, for the company of the *King David of London.*	Adm. Com.	For release of 12 Dunkirk or Ostend prisoners in exchange for themselves, being 9, and their master and 2 others still detained sick at Vigo in the Galicia, where they were all taken, being captured by an Ostend man-of-war, after a hot dispute.	107
„	Mary, wife of Thos. Horne, commander of the *Parrot.*	„	For release of her husband in exchange for Capt. Cloys Cortune, prisoner in York; after 10 years' service, he was taken in the Downs by an Ostender, the Leopaldus, and remains on the ship prisoner.	108
„	Thos. Howard, of the *George.*	„	For discharge, being a fisherman and having only served a few months. His wife is dying at Great Yarmouth, and he has 4 small children.	109
„	Alice, wife of John Hubbart, of the *Greyhound of London.*	„	For release of 5 prisoners in York, London, or Plymouth, in exchange for her husband and his company, taken off the Lizard last December, and now prisoners in the gaol at St. Sebastian's.	110
„	Rob. Hudson and the owners of the *Smyrna Factor.*	„	For protection from impress for 16 officers and seamen, that they may remain on board to take care of the lading of cloth, value 30,000*l.* on their ship, bound for Smyrna, but long detained by the embargo.	111
„	And. Jackson -	„	For cancel of a bond given 1¼ years ago to answer an unjust charge of Alderson, a hoyman, not yet brought; also for payment of disbursements made 2 years ago, by order of the Ordnance officers.	112
„	Wm. Jenifer, late clerk of the *Advantage.*	„	For a purser's place. Served in Ireland 3 years, and in the Advantage, till her laying up at Portsmouth last November, and has been in several engagements.	113
„	Theodore Jennings -	„	For discharge from the Tredagh frigate for his son-in-law, Edw. Braseby, who is young, sickly, and very short sighted.	114
„	Cornelius Johnson, mariner of *London.*	„	For exchange with Laurence le Brun, or Jas. Hore, prisoners at Plymouth. Was taken in the St. Peter of London, going to Bordeaux, by a St. Sebastian's frigate, and is freed on parole for 4 months. Served in the Dutch and Spanish war, and was at the victory in the Canaries, and also in the Straits.	115
„	Gerard Johnson, mariner, prisoner at *Whitechapel.*	Gen. Penn	For an order for his pay, being imprisoned for a debt to less amount, after many years' faithful service.	116
„	Phil. Johnson - -	Adm. Com.	To be master of a frigate; has long served, and for 6 years been master of the Success - -	117
„	Rich. Jones - -	„	For exchange of himself and 6 others, taken in the Justice bound for Swansea, last October by an Ostend pirate, carried thither and in great misery, for prisoners at Plymouth.	118

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1656?				Vol. 150.
"	Capt. Roger Jones -	Adm. Com.	For further employment, for which he has long waited, having served as master and commander -	119
"	" "	"	To like effect. Has last been master of the Yarmouth - - - - - -	120
"	Wm. Jopp, mariner	"	To be master in a ship of the squadron now designed. For 20 years has commanded merchant ships; has commanded ships between London, Spain, the Canaries, &c., but has had so many heavy losses that he is much impoverished, and has no hope of obtaining a merchant ship.	121
"	Erasmus Joy -	"	Begs consideration of his former petition for release of 16 prisoners at Plymouth, in exchange for his father, himself, and company, or will have to return to prison the last of this month, when his parole expires.	122
"	Rich. Light, late steward of the *Plymouth*.	"	For an order to receive 41*l.* due to him on his accounts, settled after long attendance, for disbursements in the Straits' voyage in 1654 and 1655.	123
"	Rob. Litton - -	"	For command of the Gift prize fitting at Deptford. Has served through the wars, is recommended by Lord Fleetwood, and has long waited employment.	124
"	Wenchley Major -	"	For a boatswain's place. Served in all engagements since the beginning of the war with Holland, and for 2 years as boatswain of the Roy. With certificates by Capt. Rob. Vessey, John Barnes, and Wm. Cockraine.	125–127
"	John Major, late commander of the *Endeavour*.	"	To be paid as others in the like condition have been, as of the 6th rank; carried letters to and from Gen. Blake, was at great pains in getting stores aboard the fleet, and has just passed his accounts, but the Navy Commissioners can only pay him his 10 groats a day salary without order.	128
"	Prudence, widow of Nich. Man.	"	For payment of 600*l.* due for stuffs supplied to the navy for 7 years, and for the receiving of some stuffs which she has had on hand for 12 months; her husband serving Parliament during the wars, was incurably wounded at Worcester fight, and died 3 years since.	129
"	Eleazar Marchant *of Guernsey*.	"	For a Seville prisoner to exchange for his son Thomas, Master of the Charity, taken by the San Genaro of Seville, in which he remains a slave. With certificate by Col. John Bingham.	130
"	Rich. Marriott -	"	For subsistence, being last night committed to the Gatehouse, and for favour, being very sorry to be accused. Lost all he had in the burning of the Paragon.	131
"	" - -	"	For release or subsistence. Has been 10 weeks in the Gatehouse, and was in custody before, on the false suggestions of a woman who seeks a reward thereby.	132
"	Geo. Meggison -	"	For a pass to return to his former misery with his fellow sufferers, having wasted all his time on parole in vain, to obtain a release for himself and 18 shipmasters in prison at Ostend.	133
"	Elias Quan, and 5 other Ostend prisoners in *York Castle*.	"	For liberty and their expenses to the nearest port to Ostend, as their owners have certified to the Lord Mayor of York the setting at liberty in exchange of Englishmen taken by Ostenders; including Hendrick Eels in place of Jacob de Gense, who has escaped.	134
"	John Randall - -	"	For pardon for his offence, and a gunner's place on the Maidstone. Was gunner's mate of the Charles, under Gen. Popham, and with Gen. Blake in the Kentish Knock fight, and was thence removed to the Maidstone.	135

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1656 ?				Vol. 150.
„	Rich. Rawling, boatman, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	For compensation for his lighter, value 12*l.*, pressed by Major Elton, Deputy Governor, to carry ballast to the Expedition under Capt. Thomson, but so overcharged by the captain that it sank. Has no other livelihood.	136
„	Thos. Read - -	„	For a good sum in lieu of his pension of 20 nobles, payable every 3 months at Deptford, for the loss of his left arm in the service. Living at York, the coming to London for it is great expense and trouble, and he has often to rely on the courtesy of others.	137
„	Phil. Richard, Wm. Ryder, Dan. Fairfax, Rich. Badiley, and others.	„	For protection from impress of 28 men on their ship the Eastland merchant, that they may send to Tunis to redeem their goods and the English captives taken by the Moors in the Principesa of London, laden for them at Zante and Cephalonia with 200 tons of currants.	138
„	7 shipmasters bound for *Rochelle* and *Bordeaux.*	„	For a convoy there and back for their vessels laden in the Thames, for the voyage and for the river of Bordeaux, where Spanish privateers do more harm than at sea.	139
„	Edm. Rogers, boatswain of the *Sampson.*	„	For payment of his wages; has served 4 years, but was at Plymouth with his family when the wages were paid, and is now put off from one to another, and cannot get them.	140
„	John Rumny - -	„	For a remove, having served 6 years as carpenter of the Providence - - - -	141
„	„ - -	„	For removal into the Assurance now at Deptford. With certificate by Thos. Bunn - -	142, 143
„	Wm. Rumney -	„	For removal into the Truelove, now at Deptford. Has served 8 years, and last as carpenter of the Wren, under Capt. Ducie.	144
„	Dan. Russel, prisoner in the *Gatehouse.*	„	For discharge, being committed as concerned in the embezzlement of cordage, which must have been done in his absence; did his duty, and was wounded in the Dutch wars, and has been 2 years boatswain of the Recovery.	145
„	Rich. Russell and Rich. Partridge, mariners, *Middlesex.*	„	That Jas. Smith, Rob. Jordan, Jan. Derecto, and Martin Brish, prisoners at Plymouth, may be exchanged for Capt. Thos. Eyre, Capt. Rich. Paine, Jas. Kade, and Nich. Carington, taken by the Spaniards, and in miserable distress in Majorca, there not being Spanish prisoners here to exchange men of such account.	146
„	Fras. Ashe, governor of the *Russia* company.	„	For a convoy as far as the coast of Shetland for 3 ships laden with English cloth, &c., for Archangel, having had sad experience of losses by Dunkirkers; also for protection from impress for their men.	147
„	„ „	„	For protection for 149 men on board 5 ships named, freighted for Russia with cloth, &c., and to bring back hides, tallow, cordage, linen, potatoes, &c., the commanders being unable to proceed according to contract, because several of their men have been impressed. Also for a convoy out and home for the ships.	148
„	John Rye, steward of the *Old Warwick.*	„	For a steward's place, his ship being laid up. Has served well several years, and passed his accounts.	149

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1656 ?				Vol. 150.
”	Jane, wife of Theop. Scott, late boatswain of the *Cork.*	Adm. Com.	For a merciful order for her husband's offence. He was imprisoned at Dover by order of the Navy Commissioners for offence against the State, released on bail, attended at their office in Seething Lane, but was not called, and has been obliged to go to sea again to support his family and parents.	150
”	Rob. Trymer	”	To be check on the Gift. Served through the troubles with Holland, and last as steward of the Black Raven, till she was unserviceable; has been long out of employ; is recommended by Lord Rich. Cromwell.	151
”	Jno. Welch, captain of the *Endeavour.*	”	For protection for his seamen, and leave to sail before the embargo is expired, hoping to do much good as intelligencer to Sir John Barkstead, lieut. of the Tower. Did good service by intelligence, &c. during the Dutch war.	152
”	Officers of the *Yarmouth Frigate.*	”	For restoration to their employments, being informed that the frigate is ordered for sea	153
”	Bailiffs and others of *Great Yarmouth,* and the adjacent towns.	”	For a convoy for their fishing vessels to and from Iceland, hearing from Flanders of the Spaniards' preparation from the Bay of Biscay to destroy the fishery, by which the navy is supplied, and 1,000 families, besides the owners, maintained.	154
”	” ”	”	That Capt. Pack of the Amity, or some other careful commander, may convoy them this year, Capt. Grymsditch of the Elias, who had them last year, having been so negligent that but for Capt. Pack's meeting them, they might have been spoiled by the enemy.	155
”	10 shipmasters, 2 for *Yarmouth,* 1 for *Lynn,* 2 for *Boston,* and 5 for *Hull.*	”	For the Yarmouth frigate as a convoy to their respective ports. Hear of great danger on the Northern coast, by many men-of-war that left Flanders last week for the North. Are richly laden with merchants' goods and victuals, and ammunition for the fleet.	156
”	11 shipmasters, 1 for *Yarmouth,* 3 for *Lynn,* 1 for *Boston,* 1 for *Hull,* and 4 for *Leith.*	”	For convoy, being richly laden with merchants' goods in the Thames	157
”	3 shipowners, 1 each for *Yarmouth, Hull,* and *Boston.*	”	For convoy, being richly laden	158
”	Thos. Yonge, late midshipman of the *Laurel.*	”	For payment of his wages for service thereon, having been providentially preserved when she was wrecked.	159

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1656 ?			Undated Papers relating to the Navy. ii.—Letters.	Vol. 150.
"	Rich. Hills - -	Adm. Com.	Begs to be boatswain on the Gift prize. Suffered much in the wars in Ireland, under Sir Edw. Denny, and has since been at sea, and was 4 years boatswain of the Sparrow, but it has been laid up 13 months.	160
"	" - -	"	Begs to be boatswain in the Guinea frigate, having served 18 years, and attended 14 months for preferment.	161
"	Rich. Leake and 7 others.	"	Jos. Hogg is fit for a boatswain's place, having served 6 years and been in several engagements against the Dutch.	162
"	Prize Comrs. -	"	Desire order for the delivery of the Sta. Clara of Ostend, taken by Capt. Parker of the Briar, the Anne of Dunkirk, taken by the Preston, and all other ships hereafter taken from the enemy, which may be thought fit to be employed in the service. Also an order for taking another office, having had notice to quit at Christmas, and regard to the charge lately made upon the office, to find 2 men and arms for the City Militia, besides being assessed at 30*s*. per month.	163
"	W. Carpenter, Thos. Welch, *Kent Frigate, Channel.*	"	Complaints against their late commander, Capt. Hannam. That being compelled by the Generals to land at Barbary for water, he took flight at sight of 3 naked Moors. That the ship having run on ground in Portugal, during fine weather, he cried like a child. While at anchor off Harwich, expecting the Swedish Ambassador for Hamburg, he lay ashore 2 nights, and the Ambassador had to stay for his return. While in the Channel, they met some Holland ships, bound home with a convoy; after letting the convoy pass, he stopped 2 of the merchantmen, and sent for their masters, and as soon as they came on board, beat them with his cane like slaves. While in Holland, he lay ashore, leaving his ship in danger, and thereby lost his convoys; he also removed the cooper's servant, and gave him a ticket without the knowledge of the purser.	164

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1656 ?			Undated Papers relating to the Navy. iii.—Miscellaneous.	Vol. 150.
„	Capt. John Best, *Adventure.*	—	Charge against his purser, Devereux Wyatt, of falsifying his books, by charging men with victuals who were absent or had run, and refusing to pay for water, or to supply the minister with candles, until he obtained an order from Capt. Smith.	165
„	Hen. Browne, surgeon, *Satisfaction.*	—	The cause of 11 men named suddenly falling sick was the extraordinary duties they had to perform in the cold, rain, and wind, nightly near the marshes; the badness of the beer, and nothing to comfort them with when they returned from their watches.	166
„	Thos. Freeland, Ralph East.	—	Survey of timber in places named in cos. Hants and Sussex - - - - -	167
„	Ordnance Officers -	Adm. Com.	As a perfect account of all the stores at Chatham and the Tower, since the last general survey, is likely to be required from them, the resident officer at Chatham should not only be well acquainted with the affairs of that office, but be subordinate to the head office, as it will be a saving to the Commonwealth.	168
„	„ „ -	—	Account of brass ordnance in the Tower, also the number of guns required for a great and small ship building at Deptford.	169, 170
„	Capt. Gab. Sanders	Adm. Com.	Account of his travelling and other expenses in attending the Admiralty Court on the trial of the Hare in the Field, taken prize in 1655.	171
„	Capt. Fras. Willoughby.	—	Account of 7 ships sold at Portsmouth for 1,349*l.* With draft order from the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners, to instruct the Navy Treasurer to allow any debts due by the Navy Commissioners to the purchasers, as was done in a previous case.	172
„	——	—	Inventory of provisions to be brought from New England by Capt. Simon Evans, of the Church, for the fleet and army in America.	173
„	Comrs. for sick and wounded, *Little Britain.*	Adm. Com.	Recommendations of the widows or other relatives of persons who have lost their lives in the State's service for grants of money for their relief. 1 Jan.–26 Dec. 1656 [30 papers].	Vol. 151. 1–30
„	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Orders for making out bills for payment of 735*l.* weekly to John Bressie, treasurer for sick and maimed soldiers. 6 May–29 Dec. 1656 [35 papers].	31–65
„	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Notes enclosing weekly lists of all bills signed by them, some of the lists missing. 7 Jan.–29 Dec. 1656 [86 papers].	66–151
„	Officers on ships -	—	Bonds with 2 sureties, in sums varying from 200*l.* to 500*l.* each, for the faithful performance of their respective duties. 11 Jan.–17 Dec. 1656 [17 papers].	152–168
„	Adm. Com. - -	—	Warrants appointing officers on the State's ships, and in the respective dockyards. 4 Jan.–29 Dec. 1656 [145 papers].	Vol. 152. 1–145

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1656–7. Jan. 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Elizabeth, wife of Dan. Howe, minister of the Fairfax, for 20*l.* on account of his pay and entertainment.	Vol. 161. 1
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Repair, launching, and victualling of ships. Recommends Mr. Long, late master of the Resolution, for employment.	2
,, 2	John Browne, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has entered 20 more ropemakers, making 66 spinners, each of whom, by working early and late, spins 115$\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. in a day and a half, making together 7,623 lbs. They must have 11 hatchellers and 12 labourers to wind up and turn the wheel, 3 to open, and 4 to cleanse the hemp, and 2 boys, who, with the foreman and master, make 102. If he may keep the men constantly to rope making, will very quickly have a good quantity of cordage, and if made now, it will be far better than that made in the summer. Noted to write to all the yards not to make any allowance for extra work by nights or tides in the docks, without the approbation of the navy office, or the Commissioner upon the place.	3
,, ,,	Ordnance Officers -	Adm. Com.	The accounts of Edw. Phillpott and And. Drake, gunners of the Portland, are satisfactory, and as Phillpott has been removed from his employment by the Generals at sea, will certify the navy treasurer, so that he may receive his wages. Will have to report on the accounts of the gunner of the Nantwich, they being satisfactory.	4
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Will send an account of the provisions he can supply to the 4 ships at Portsmouth. There is great need of more ropemakers, as the stores are very bare; only 5 or 6 of those named can be procured at Chatham, the rest must be had from London. Repairs of ships.	5
,, ,,	Wm. Smith - -	,,	There are 20 spinners and 7 labourers employed in the ropeyard at Woolwich, having 3 spinning wheels, could employ 70 spinners and labourers, and thus spin and lay a ton per day.	6
,, 3	Wm. Barbourne, and John Ive, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Arrived safely with the money for payment of the Yarmouth, Nonsuch, and Providence, who will receive all despatch.	7
,, ,,	Augustine Aldridge, *Lydney, Dean Forest.*	,,	Has been to Bristol with Mr. Baylie, who gave him a receipt for what he delivered, but the ship left some timber behind in Mr. Baylie's yard. Asks orders.	8
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Sparrow pink, refitting at Portsmouth, as soon as she arrives at Spithead, retaining 3 months' in hand.	9
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to take up ships in the Thames for carrying $\frac{1}{4}$th of the provisions designed for Gen. Blake's fleet, the navy victualler to ship it, there being no freight to be met with at Portsmouth or Plymouth.	10
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for refitting the Falcon flyboat at Portsmouth, to carry beer to Gen. Blake's fleet, as also for victualling her with 8 months' dry provisions, and 4 months' beer, for 45 men and 18 guns. Also for the navy victualler to provide 300 tons of beer at Portsmouth, and ship it in the Falcon, well brewed, and in iron bound casks, and to fill up the remainder of the stowage room with wood for the use of the fleet.	11

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1656–7. Jan. 5	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to John Powell, messenger, for 36*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, and to Hen. Webley, and 4 other messengers for 10*l.*, disbursed by them for the navy.	Vol. 161. 12
” ”	”	”	Order to take up ships for transportation of 4 months' victuals for 3,000 men to the forces in Jamaica, and give direction for its shipment.	13
” ”	”	”	Orders for refitting and victualling for 4 months' the Adventure at Woolwich, for service in the Channel.	14
” ”	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Repairs of ships	15
” ”	” ”	Navy Com^{rs}	To the same effect. Sends an answer to theirs touching the Portsmouth demand, and if approved, will give order to Mr. Pulman and Mr. Loader. Wants tallow.	16
” 6	” ”	”	Having landed Capt. Taylor's masts, deals, spars, &c., desires a survey of them; wants noyals and Ipswich canvas.	17
” ”	Adm. Com.	”	Order for the refitting of the reserve at Chatham, and victualling her for 4 months, for the Channel service.	18
” ”	”	”	Order to make out a bill to the executors of Gen. Deane for the pay and entertainment due to him up to the time of his decease, as one of the generals of the fleet.	19
” ”	”	”	Order for converting the Spanish galleon and the Elias, another Spanish prize, at Portsmouth, into hulks, for careening ships, instead of the new hulk lately built there, and to cause the latter to be made into a 3rd rate ship.	20
” ”	”	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and workmen employed in the yards at Chatham, Woolwich, and Deptford, to the last of Dec.	21
” 7	”	”	Order to pay off the Nightingale at Deptford, for her speedy refitting for service in the Channel, and to victual her for 4 months.	22
” ”	”	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for victualling the Constant Warwick for 4 months, for service in the Channel	23
” ”	”	”	Order to signify to the navy victualler that the provisions and beer laden on board the Anne and Joyce, for General Blake's fleet, are to be accounted as part of the 4 months ordered to be provided for 5,600 men, belonging to that fleet.	24
” 8	”	”	Having again agreed with Major Burton, of Yarmouth, for 50 more tons of cordage, desire they will receive the same, and make out bills for the money.	25
” ”	Robt. Blackborne	”	To inform the Admiralty Commissioners what hemp and tar from Holland have been sent into the stores by Capt. Alderne, and to return the Commissioners' order for a contract with Vice-Admiral Badiley for supplying the fleet with 200 or 300 tuns of wine from Leghorn, they since judging it more proper to leave that affair to the victualler.	26
” ”	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	”	Having unladen the Swedish ship at Chatham of the 42 great masts and deals, as ready money was promised, and the Dutchmen will want it within 6 days, desires an imprest of 1,000*l.*	27

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1656–7. Jan.	10	Adm: Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to hire two ketches to attend the James and Rainbow bound to Gen. Blake's fleet - -	Vol. 161. 28
„	„	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Major Jno. Wade for 2,863*l.* 13*s.* 7¾*d.*, on account of his bill for building a furnace and gun house, and cutting and cording wood.	29
„	„	„ - -	„	Order to pay off the Amity at Deptford - - - - - - - -	30
„	„	„ - -	„	Order to sign a ticket to Edw. Place for his wages as gunner's assistant in the Resolution -	31
„	„	Wm. Barbour, John Ive, *Portsmouth.*	„	Movements of ships - - - - - - - - -	32
„	„	Jno. Falkiner, *Tower*	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires a gunner may be appointed to the Elias, ordered for sea - - - - -	33
„	12	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Rich. Hutchinson.	Desires payment of a bill of exchange for 160*l.*, disbursed in fitting out ships - - -	34
„	„	Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Particulars of the defects of the Nightingale - - - - - - -	35
„	„	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send an account of hemp and tar brought from Holland, and sent into the stores by Capt. Alderne.	36, 37
„	„	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Begs to retain the 20 supernumerary caulkers 14 days longer, there being much work still to be done to the Laurel, and other ships.	38
„	„	Capt. Tho. Taylor, and 4 others.	„	Recommend William Hockett of Stepney as master in a ship - - - - -	39
„	„	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, *the Essex, Downs.*	„	Sends a list of sails required for the Red Horse pink; the cable for the Dartmouth should be sent to Dover, as she has been cleaned and victualled, and is ready to sail.	40, 41
„	13	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Thos. Alderne for 1,500*l.*, on account for hemp to be purchased by him in Holland for the navy.	42
„	„	„ - -	„	Order for the navy victualler to provide 50 tuns of beer to be shipped at Plymouth by Capt. Hen. Hatsell, for Gen. Blake's fleet.	43
„	14	Wm. Barbour, Jno. Ive, *Portsmouth.*	„	Account of ships - - - - - - - - - -	44
„	„	Capt. Hen. Hatsell	„	There being 761*l.* 11*s.* still due to him on his last account, and having received another from Plymouth amounting to 1,638*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.*, has drawn two bills on them for 800*l.* each and desires they may receive dispatch.	45
„	15	Jno. Browne, *Ipswich*	„	Asks whether to buy tallow of Mr. Clarke, of Bury, at 40*s.* per cwt.; he will not be at any charge for carriage.	46
„	16	T. Lodington, *Victualling Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends receipt for 45 tuns of beer and other provisions shipped in the Prosperous, by Capt. Thos. Alderne, for Gen. Blake's fleet.	47, 48

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656–7. Jan. 16	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send counterfeit ticket presented by Nich. Harnaman, alleging that he served in the Phœnix, and purporting to be signed by Capt. Whitstone, and other officers; as the fellow refuses to confess the truth, and it is known to be a palpable cheat, they leave him to them.	Vol. 161. 49, 50
,, ,,	Sam. Raven, and 3 others, *Woolwich.*	Navy Comrs	Survey of masts brought over by the Swan and Daniel, and delivered into the stores at Woolwich	51
,, 17	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order to allow an addition of 6 men to the Rainbow - - - - - -	52
,, ,,	Wm. Barbour, Jno. Ive, *Portsmouth.*	,,	The Yarmouth and Providence have sailed out of the harbour; after paying them next week, will return home with speed.	53
,, ,,	Robt. Henfield, *Accadia, Downs.*	,,	Sends a muster book. Has taken in 2 months' provisions at Dover, by order of the commander-in-chief.	54
,, ,,	Saml. Hyland, and 9 others, *Southwark.*	Adm. Com.	Recommend Edw. Jones for employment, he having served at sea, and in the war against the Dutch.	55
,, 19	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Essex, Downs.*	Navy Comrs	Will appoint a convoy as desired for the ship bound for Portsmouth with the State's goods. The cables for the Dartmouth have arrived. Wants masts, the sails for the Redhorse, and the anchor lent to Mr. Hoare.	56
,, 20	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Adventure at Woolwich as soon as she is refitted, and arrives in the Hope, reserving 3 months' in hand as usual.	57
,, ,,	Wm. Mitchel - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a warrant as master cook in the Nightingale, having served in her under Capt. Robt. Vessey, and in other ships. With certificate by Capt. Vessey.	58, 59
,, 21	Wm. Barbour, John Ive, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Have paid the Yarmouth, but respited the Providence until to day, as the captain feared his men would run. Having nothing further to do, will return home.	60
,, ,,	Josiah Child, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Sends a survey by Capt. Thorowgood and Mr. Tippetts of a ship tendered as a victualler at 40*s.* a ton. Note to Jno. Parker, of Mark Lane, if they will take 24*s.*, to agree, but not otherwise.	61
,, ,,	Jno. Newman -	,,	John Martin, purser of the Pearl, while in the Straits, bought 3 cwt. of tallow to make candles of Edw. Crouch, the carpenter, and committed other great abuses, as can be proved.	62
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill to Wm. Bodham, who succeeded Thos. Lawes, deceased, as deputy treasurer to the fleet sent to the West Indies, under General Penn, for what balance shall appear to be due to him upon his accounts.	63
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill for the use of Rich. Browne, of Pembroke, for 9*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.* disbursed by him in tallowing the Mayflower at Milford.	64
,, 22	,, - -	,,	Order referring to them a letter from T. Lodington, desiring instructions as to treating for a vessel of 200 tons at Portsmouth, to carry provisions and beer to the fleet.	65, 66

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656–7.				Vol. 161.
Jan. 22	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill to Wm. Cary for 45*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, for freight of provisions belonging to the Islip, cast away on the coast of Scotland, taking care that the same has not been already allowed in the accounts of Mr. Wilson, or Mr. Green, of Leith.	67
,, ,,	,,	,,	Order to make out a bill to John Pitt for 40*l.*, for transacting affairs in the Downs, by order of various commanders.	68
,, ,,	,,	,,	Order for refitting the Dragon at Chatham, and victualling her for 4 months, for service in the Channel.	69
,, ,,	,,	,,	Pray send down a surgeon for the Preston, Capt. Robinson having complained that although the medicine chest has arrived, there is no surgeon. Also give directions as to the disposition of the cordage purchased by Major Burton. The Pearl is still waiting at Deptford for her anchors.	70
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. Will see to the discharging of the shipwright's men, but it would be to the interest of the State to put them upon building the 3rd rate frigate.	71
,, 23	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Hen. Hatsell for 135*l.*, for the entertainment of himself and clerk, from 4 July 1656 to 4 Jan. 1656–7,	72
,, ,,	,,	,,	Order to state the accounts of Capt. Hen. Hatsell, for monies disbursed by him in carrying on the affairs of the navy at Plymouth, and make him an allowance of 1½ per cent. thereupon for his care and pains.	73
,, ,,	,,	,,	Order to make out a bill for 20*l.* to Rich. Vinson, storekeeper to Capt. Hen. Hatsell, at Plymouth, for his care and pains in that business for 6 months.	74
,, ,,	,,	,,	Order to attend the Admiralty Committee on the subject of their letter of yesterday, on Monday next, at 3 p.m.	75
,, ,,	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Have seen a proclamation by the Admiralty at Amsterdam, of the prohibition by the States General of the export of hemp, yarn, or cordage, for a month, there having been two storehouses of it burnt. Mr. Wood's correspondent at Hamburg hopes to secure 500 bundles of hemp at Lubec, stayed there, money being so scarce, and the commissions high. Ask an order to the treasurer to pay 2,000*l.* to Mr. Wood in part payment for it, and also for some tar, and directions whether the tar and hemp shall be brought from Lubec overland, or through the Baltic, as the Danes are making great preparations.	76
,, 24	Augustine Aldridge, *Lidney, Dean Forest.*	Navy Comrs	Hopes his account of timber delivered to Mr. Baylie has arrived, and desires order as to the disposal of some of the plank cut for Mr. Furzer.	77
,, ,,	Jno. Jones, *Westminster.*	,,	Recommends Rich. Price, a labourer at Deptford, for a porter's place, at Woolwich, in the room of Geo. Symonds, who is dying.	78

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656–7. Jan. 24	Officers and company of the *Satisfaction.*	Adm. Com.	The chief cause of the sudden sickness of the men on board was the brackishness and badness of the beer, and drinking it when they returned from their duty of watching in the boats.	Vol. 161. 79
„ 26	T. Lodington -	„	Sends an account of provisions shipped on board the Sapphire and Two Brothers, for Jamaica, with an estimate of their cost, total, 1,187*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.* There was no fruit sent either by Capts. Morgan or Morley, as it was thought more convenient by the Navy Commissioners to supply it abroad, and order was given to Mr. Hempson accordingly, who charged 700*l.* thereon; has never received any account from him. Had no notice of the Elias being ready until the 19th instant, and there has been no delay since.	80, 81
„ „	Phineas Pett, and 14 others, *Chatham.*	—	Certificate that the beer brewed by Hen. Venman, brewer to the navy, at Chatham, and supplied to the fleet, and to the ships in the Medway, and at Chatham, has, to their own knowledge, from drinking the same, been always found good, and not brackish or unwholesome, and thus causing much sickness, as alleged by the officers and company of the Satisfaction.	82
„ „	Rich. Wye, Mayor, and 10 other Aldermen and inhabitants of *Rochester.*	—	Certificate that they have known the brewhouse belonging to Hen. Venman for 30 years, and that he has not only supplied the navy, but also most of the principal inns and alehouses within the city and parishes adjoining, and his beer has always been reputed good and wholesome, and free from brackishness, or anything to render it unwholesome or distasteful.	83
„ „	— Webley - -	—	Account of provisions shipped on board 11 victualling ships named - - - -	84 85
„ 27	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - -	86
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to make out bills of imprest to Capt. Thos. Alderne for 5,000*l.* a week for 4 weeks, commencing from the determination of the last order, to enable him to carry on the victualling.	87
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to pay the wages and entertainment due to Capt. Best of the Adventurer, to the time of his discharge.	88
„ 28	„ - -	„	Order to suspend payment of the wages of Capt. John Jefferies, of the Nantwich, until further order.	89
„ „	Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	„	Repairs of ships - - - - - - - - - - -	90
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends Jas. Barker as cook for the London - - - - - - -	91
„ 29	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order for building a 5th rate frigate at Chatham or Deptford, instead of at Portsmouth, as formerly ordered; care to be taken that all suitable timber in those yards is used, and no unnecessary charge incurred in buying more.	92
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make an additional allowance of 10 men to the Merlin, making a total of 70 - -	

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656–7. Jan. 29	Adm. Com. - -	Admiralty Judges, Dunkirk.	Certificate that in case Rob. Tailer, mariner, prisoner at Berghen, is released, immediately upon his coming over, Adrian Williamson, prisoner in England, will be set at liberty, and sent over in exchange. With letter from Tailer to Capt. Hen. Tupe, at Horsleydown, desiring him to send over Williamson, as he will be taken in exchange for himself, if accompanied by a certificate from the Admiralty Commissioners.	Vol. 161. 93, 94
" "	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Yarmouth Roads.*	Navy Comrs	Has safely arrived with the ships under his convoy; will proceed with them as ordered, and then return to his station.	95
" "	Capt. Valentine Tatnell, *Adventure, Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Has sent his purser up to the Treasurer with the books, and as soon as they are paid, will proceed to his station; wants his surgeon, Mr. Shanks, discharged, as being a drunkard, swearer, and boaster, and asks for the surgeon of the Satisfaction.	96
" 30	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Has just returned from the James in the Hope; she wants a captain and 100 men, but her ketch is at London endeavouring to get some. Has appointed a pilot to go on board on Monday, and desires she may have her orders by that time for sailing. Is in hand with the Dragon, and will tell the victualler when she is ready for her provisions.	97
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill of imprest to John Upton for 1,000*l.* on account for provisions to be bought by him for the navy.	98
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Nath. Church, minister of the Rainbow, for 10*l.* on account of his pay.	99
" 31	" - -	"	Order for the commanders of the ships hired to carry provisions to Gen. Blake's fleet, as also to Jamaica, to sail to the Downs as soon as they are laden, and wait there for a convoy.	100
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Hen. Hatsell for 87*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.*, disbursed in building a boarded prison house on the Castle Green at Plymouth.	101
" "	Col. John Clerk, *Whitehall.*	Majors Robt. Thomson and Neh. Bourne.	Mr. Noel will wait upon them, to know who are the persons to be contracted for to transport 200 men to Jamaica, and will undertake the business, but will require their assistance.	102
Jan.	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Hope.*	Navy Comrs	Is victualled and manned and ready to sail, but wants a suit of sails - - - -	103
Jan. ?	John Miller, gunner of the *Rosebush.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for a gunner's place on the frigate building at Deptford, the Rosebush being in harbour and not employed. Has given attendance for 3 months. With certificate by Thos. Scott and 2 others of his good service ever since the wars begun in England, as master gunner.	104, 105
"	Edn. Ibbott - -	"	Petitions to be chaplain of the Kentish, on which he has served 7 months, or of the Dunbar. With certificate by John Turner, Jos. Caryll, and Ralph Venning; request by Ibbott for advance of money to get on board, and reference of his case by the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners, 29 Jan. 1656–7.	106–108
"	" - -	"	Like petition to serve on the Kentish or some other frigate - - - - -	109

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656–7. Jan. ?	John Bilton, shipwright of *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Petitions for the carpenter's place in the 4th-rate frigate building at Deptford. Has sustained many losses at sea, having been cast away in the Island Merchant, and taken in the Marmaduke by Prince Rupert, who kept him prisoner some time; made his escape, and had to travel 600 miles on foot to get a safe passage to his wife and 6 children. Prince Rupert would have given him anything to win him to his service, but he was always firm to the Parliament and against the royal party; since his return, has been employed in the yards at Deptford and Woolwich, and is well known to the officers there. With certificate of Christ. Pett and 3 others, and statement of his case.	Vol. 161. 110–113
Feb. 2	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Darlston.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Desires him to send a Spanish prisoner by one of the victuallers to Cadiz, to be exchanged for Noth. Noell, a merchant, who was betrayed there in a ship last year, and is now a prisoner, and in great necessity through the cruelty of the Spaniards.	Vol. 162. 1
” ”	Robt. Pulman and 3 others, *Chatham Ropeyard.*	—	Certificate that the 20 lasts of Tar bought of Wm. Green were found to be very bad, so that with dirt, water, and clay, not less than a last was lost, and upon boiling a pot full of it in the presence of Commissioner Pett, ⅓ of it boiled away.	2
” ”	J. Stevenson and 2 others, *Portsmouth.*	—	Account of cordage, tar, pitch, hemp, and yarn in the stores at Portsmouth - - -	3
” ”	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to renew the lease of a house in Leadenhall Street, used for transacting the affairs of the navy treasury, for 8 years, at 49*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* a year, and a fine of 700*l.*, and to make out bills for the fine and the rent, as they become due.	4
” 3	” - -	”	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Thos. Alderne for 1,985*l.*, on account of hemp, which he had directions to buy for the navy.	5
” ”	” - -	”	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Wm. Lane, merchant of London, for 2,500*l.*, and place it to the credit of Rich. Creed, deputy treasurer of the fleet at Lisbon, as imprest on account. With letter from Gen. Robt. Blake, of the Satisfaction, in the Bay of Wyers, 19 Dec. 1656, to the navy Treasurer, stating that he had ordered Creed to draw bills upon him for 2,500*l.*, for so much disbursed by Thos. Amery, in furnishing wine and provisions for the fleet.	6, 7
” ”	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	”	Has bought 15 cwt. more of the tallow at Ipswich, at 40*s.* a cwt., to be delivered at Harwich. The Portsmouth has come in to tallow and revictual.	8
” ”	Thomazin Harwood, widow, *Wapping.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for the exchange of Laurence Defever, prisoner in Chelsea College, for her son, Edw. Stoltenburgh, who, on returning a month since from the Madeiras, where he had been 3 years to learn the language, was taken prisoner in a ship of Apsam and carried to Ostend, and has no hopes of redemption but by exchange. With certificate of Rog. Allsopp, that Laurence Defever, of Ostend, who is a mere boy, and belonged to Capt. Debrewer's ship, is in Chelsea College.	9, 10

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656–7. Feb. 3	Katherine Mechin -	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order for exchange of her son, Peter Mechin, and of Humphrey Ceele, taken by a Dunkirk man-of-war while serving in the William bound to Jamaica, and carried to Dunkirk, for Peter and Francis Debrewer, prisoners in Chelsea College. With certificate of Roger Allsopp that Peter Debrewer, late quartermaster to Capt. Clinkard's ships company, and Francis Debrewer, one of his seamen, are young and unmarried, belong to Ostend, and are prisoners in Chelsea College, and note of the consent of the Admiralty Judges at Dunkirk to the exchange.	Vol. 162. 11, 12
" 4	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Darlston.*	Gen. Desborow.	As the difference between Mr. Flood and Mr. Lodington has been referred to the Admiralty, and will be heard to-morrow, hopes he or Col. Clarke will hear the whole matter, and obtain a settlement, as well for their benefit as that of the public.	13
" "	Wm. Burton, jun., *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends the bill of lading of the cordage and cables shipped in the Bachelor, of Yarmouth, for Portsmouth. Capt. Philip Holland, of the Assurance, will convoy her and the rest of the fleet to the Downs, and then return for orders to victual.	44
" "	Ger. Bennett, Wm. Roberts, John Pryce, Excise Officers.	"	Nich. Bond and Edm. Hart, farmers of the excise of timber, beg an abatement for all timber delivered into the State's yards from 25th of March last to the 2nd inst.; desire full particulars of what masts, yards, spars, boards, &c., have been received, that the petitioners may have what they are entitled to under their contracts, and that the State may receive no damage.	15
" "	John Masters, cook of the *Diamond.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for renewal of his warrant for cook. With copy of his former warrant, dated 4 Feb. 1651–2.	16, 17
" "	Philip Travors -	Major Robt. Thomson.	Sends account of a parcel of blocks and pulleys he has for disposal, on behalf of a poor man who is in prison for debt, and as he has a wife and 5 children who are in misery, hopes the Commissioners will purchase them.	18, 19
" 5	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages, &c., due to Capt. Newberry, for the time he served in the Gloucester, any suspension thereon notwithstanding.	20
" "	" - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for transportation of the provisions and stores demanded by Capt. Hen. Hatsell, for supply of the stores at Plymouth.	21
" "	" - -	"	Order for the speedy refitting of the Assistance at Chatham, and supplying her with 4 months' provisions.	22
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Robt. Sewell, inn-storekeeper at Chatham, for 15*l.*, for discharging the duties of out-storekeeper there for 6 months.	23
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Martin Noel for 2,500*l.*, for value received by Rich. Creed, deputy treasurer of the fleet at Lisbon, whose bill of exchange is sent.	24
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Edm. Ibbott, minister of the Kentish frigate, for 5*l.* on account of his pay, on giving security to repay it in case he does not serve so long.	25

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1656–7. Feb. 5	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make an allowance to Capt. John Child of 6*d.* a dollar on 22,000 French dollars he was to receive at Portsmouth, on passing his accounts.	Vol. 162. 26
,, 6	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Westminster.*	Major Neh. Bourne.	Sends Wm. Randell, master of the Providence of Plymouth, who has agreed to carry cordage, &c., to Plymouth, and desires the Commissioners will give him dispatch, and an order to receive 100 deal boards to lay on the ballast, to preserve the cordage.	27
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send an account of timber delivered into the stores at Deptford, Woolwich, and Harwich, by Robt. Grassingham, out of Hitcham Wood, co. Suffolk, which, with 7 loads ready to be shipped at Ipswich, will make 701 loads.	28
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Have considered the petition of Mr. Meech, out-storekeeper at Chatham, referred to them; also a letter from Commissioner Pett, with which they concur, that although there were some brass shivers embezzled, and Meech deserted his employment on that account, yet as there is no proof of his guilt, or that he connived in it, but properly demeaned himself while he transacted that business, order should be given for his wages.	29, 30
,, ,,	Jos. Stevens, soldier, *St. Martin's in the Fields, Middlesex.*	—	Deposition that he was born in co. Dorset; details of service in Col. Haynes' regiment, in Col. Pride's, and in the Sussex frigate; was in the last engagement with the Dutch, and lost his left hand, a finger of his right, and received 5 wounds in his body, in consideration whereof a pension of 20 nobles was settled upon him at Chatham, which he still enjoys. A year since, met in Hartshorne Lane, Strand, Chas. Oliver, a countryman, who suggested how they might get money from the Admiralty by false letters, tickets, and certificates purporting to come from Col. Bingham, Capt. Edwin, Capt. Cuttance, and others, in favour of two pensioners named John Loader and Roger Winter.	31
,, ,,	Roger Winte, of *Clement Dane's.*	—	Deposition that he was solicited by Widow White, whose husband was a mate of his in the Eagle, and slain in the engagement with the Dutch, to try and find Capt. Young, his late commander, and induce him to procure her some gratuity for her loss; and that going to meet her at the Navy Office he met John Loader, whom he know as a pensioner at St. Bartholomew's and the Savoy Hospital, who was also going to the Navy Office, but did not say on what business.	32
,, 7	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to give instructions to Capt. Peter Butler, appointed to the command of the Satisfaction for the guard af the River Medway.	33
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order that bills of lading and invoices be sent with all the merchant ships laden with provisions for Gen. Blake's fleet and to the West Indies, that it may be known there what is laden on board each ship.	34
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch, East end of the Moore.*	,,	Sends two muster books. Arrived this day at the mouth of the Thames, with 25 small vessels from northern ports.	35

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1656–7. Feb. 7	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *Rainbow, Portsmouth.*	Navy Comrs	On coming down, found 120 able men on board, some of whom he shipped at London, but the rest, coming from the west parts, demanded conduct money. Mr. Child says they have ordered the contrary; hopes they will order him to pay it, or prescribe some other way whereby the ship may be manned. Is now 25*l.* out by encouraging men and paying scores. With draft of reply that the Commissioners have no power to comply with his request, although willing to afford him all due encouragement.	Vol. 162. 36
„ 8	Wm. Ashford, *Wildman, Portsmouth.*	„	Having gone on board, hopes they will allow his wife his travelling charges from London to Portsmouth, as she has 4 children.	37
„ 9	Wm. Poole - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to the Navy Commissioners to adjust his accounts according to the freight books, having been purser of the Mary Rose, taken up to attend upon Capt. Badiley's fleet in the Straits. With reference to the Navy Commissioners.	38
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Major Wm. Burton for 1,000*l.* on account, for cordage for the navy, making 1,500*l.* imprested for that service.	39
„ „	Capt. John Best -	„	Sends an affidavit before a master in Chancery, verifying his accounts; would have brought it, but hears the carpenter and gunner intend to arrest him, and were at the office door last Saturday with 3 serjeants; but the Commissioners having sent him to take his oath, they, out of civility to the Commissioners, let him pass. As his wife has just been confined at Hull, is anxious to get home, and loth to undergo the disgrace and prejudice of such a malicious stop, and therefore hopes they will pass his accounts and sign his servant's tickets. Has sent a bond to save the State harmless.	40
„ „	John Brown, *Harwich.*	„	Sends an account of provisions required for the stores; wants two cables sent down for the Roe ketch.	41
„ „	Richard Jennings -	Adm. Com.	Petitions for the exchange of John Dyer and Oliver Thomas, shipmasters, prisoners at Dunkirk, for Jacob Lemott, John Noote, Jno. Hooborke, and Jno. Bruten, prisoners in Chelsea College. With certificate of Edw. Sandford, Deputy Marshal-General, that the men, who were formerly in Capts. Clinkard and Carr's company, are in Chelsea College; also certificate of the assent of the Admiralty at Dunkirk.	42–44
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex, Downs.*	Navy Comrs	The sails have arrived for the Redhorse pink. The Dartmouth has brought in an Ostend man-of-war of 3 guns and 25 men, which had been out 5 weeks, but gained no purchase. The ships bound with provisions to Portsmouth are still windbound, and another has arrived from Yarmouth laden on the same account.	45
„ 10	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Gen. Edw. Montague for 288*l.* imprest, on account of his pay as a general of the fleet.	46
„ „	„ - -	„	„ „ „ his pay and entertainment „ from 2 Jan. 1655–6 to 9 Feb. 1656–7.	47

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656–7. Feb. 11	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill to Andrew Pearce, purser of the Nazeby, for 100 dollars, at 4*s.* 7*d.* per dollar, in lieu of 100 pieces of 8 paid by him to Vice-Adm. Badiley, by order of Montague, general of the fleet, and disbursed by Badiley in finding 2 pigs of silver, which were lost; as also for 10*l.* paid by Pearce to Nich. Peake, late prisoner with the Spaniards, as a gratuity towards his loss in the West Indies.	Vol. 162. 48
„ „	T. Lodington, *Victualling Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends an account and bill of lading of provisions shipped in several merchant ships for Gen. Blake's fleet, a letter for Mr. Hempson as to its distribution amongst the fleet, and 2 other letters received from Portsmouth, respecting beer in the Wildman and another ship victualling there.	49
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Having to pass the account of Phineas Pett, formerly purser of the Resolution, finds there have been more men victualled by Gen. Blake's order than the established number; desire order for their allowance.	50
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Comrs	As the Kinsale frigate will soon be ready to sail, wants the boatswain and carpenters' indentures sent down, and also instructions as to allowing her any waste clothes.	51
„ 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Bramble at Deptford - -	52
„ „	„ - -	Navy Comrs	To attend the Admiralty Commissioners this afternoon, and bring the contracts made with the owners of ships hired to carry provisions to Gen. Blake's fleet, that some course may be taken for making them responsible for the damage arising from waiting in the Thames the last 10 days, and not availing themselves of the late westerly winds.	53
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to John Fowler for 20*l.*, for his services as Judge Advocate of the fleet, and on account of wounds received in the Dutch war.	54
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to ascertain on what account one tun of brandy was put on board the Portland, and on several other ships sent to the West Indies, under Gen. Penn, and whether, as the captains used it and claim it a perquisite, they ought not to stand chargeable for it.	55
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for suspending payment of the wages due to Capt. Jas. Salmon, commander of the Bramble.	56
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to consider the demands of the boatswain and carpenter of the Expedition, and give directions for supplying what is necessary for 6 months at Harwich, she being designed to attend the Iceland fishery.	57
„ 14	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Ant. Young for 10*l.*, for his services as commander of the Tredagh frigate in the Downs.	58
„ „	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *Portsmouth.*	„	Will do his best to man the Rainbow, but the 40*l.* he received having been expended in press and conduct money, cannot do so without further assistance. The conduct money of each man from London is 7*s.* 6*d.*, and those from the west and other places about 10*s.*	59
„ 16	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for the speedy refitting of 9 ships named for service in the Channel - - -	60

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656–7. Feb. 16	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	Sends two accounts of his disbursements in procuring timber from Giles Andrewes out of Hitcham Wood; with particulars of the bargains made, and the sale of lops and tops. Desires consideration of his services.	Vol. 162. 61–63
„ „	T. Lodington, *Victualling Office.*	„	The Golden Parrot and Hopewell, bound for Jamaica, cannot carry their proportion of victuals, and there will be 100 tons of biscuit and cheese left behind. The Guinny frigate has come into Portsmouth to revictual.	64
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Repair and victualling of ships - - - - - - - - -	65
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *Essex, Downs.*	Navy Comrs	Wants sails and masts for the Dartmouth and a topmast or two. Capts. Rooth and Parker, before coming in, drove two of the enemies' men-of-war ashore, one near Mardike and the other near Calais.	66
„ 17	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to hire a ship to carry provisions left behind by the Golden Parrot and Hopewell, being the remains for 3,000 men for 4 months, belonging to the forces at Jamaica, and to furnish her with boatswain and carpenters' stores for the ships there, in lieu of those lost in the William. With account by Jno. Davies of the stores put on board the William for the use of 18 ships named at Jamaica.	67, 68
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill of imprest to John Upton for 1,000*l.* on account, for provisions bought by him for the navy.	69
„ „	„ - - -	„	Order to make an allowance of 10 men more to the Falcon flyboat, her present number being 50.	70
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to suspend the wages due to the pilot of the Preston, he having run her upon Corkin Sand, near Yarmouth, where she was in much danger.	71
„ „	Augustin Aldridge, *Lidney, Dean Forest.*	„	Asks what timber is to be felled and converted this year, whether the ships that were loaded have arrived, and whether Mr. Furzer may have some of the cut plank.	72
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Whitehall.*	„	Wants masts and timber for Plymouth. The President has sprung her mainmast and the Fagon has spent two. Will attend them in a day or two.	73
„ „	T. Lodington -	Robt. Blackborne.	Wants a letter from the Admiralty Commissioners to Major Wade, to furnish Capt. Alderne with the iron hoop he requires. Asks him to remind them that the stores at Portsmouth are almost empty.	74
„ „	Gen. Geo. Monk, *Dalkeith.*	Adm. Com.	Desires the exchange of Rich. Everard, formerly master of a ship of Leith, which was taken by the Spaniards, who is now a prisoner at St. Sebastians.	75
„ 18	John Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Comrs	Desires the canvas demanded sent down, as several ships have come in and want sails; also provision for the sailmaker's wages, and an order for making some small anchors, much wanted in the stores.	76
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	„	Asks for 16 or 20 more caulkers for the more speedy dispatch of ships named - - -	77

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656-7. Feb. 19	Thos. Scott - -	Col. Clarke.	Recommends Johnson, boatswain of the Tulip, for a place in the Weymouth pink, the other not having returned from Newcastle. Is tallowing the Cornelian.	Vol. 162. 78
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Dragon at Chatham as soon as she arrives in the Hope, reserving 3 months' pay, as accustomed.	79
„ „	„ - -	Navy Comrs	Order for furnishing the London with 6 months' and 8 others named with 4 months' provisions, being designed for service in the Channel.	80
„ „	Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	„	Repairs of ships named. Wants 20 more caulkers taken on, and if any of the carpenters are discharged, cannot answer their expectations.	81
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Mr. Biggs, surgeon of the yards at Deptford and Woolwich, is sick, and not expected to live. Each yard should have a surgeon, as the workmen often risk their lives when an accident occurs, through there being no resident surgeon; recommend Matthew Graves of Deptford, and Rich. Whiteing of Woolwich, as they have both had long practice and experience in both yards under Mr. Biggs.	82
„ 21	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Comrs	The Kinsale frigate has sailed to Kinsale to victual. Has drawn a bill of exchange for 180*l.*, payable to the Commissioners of Customs, and desires they will order payment.	83
„ „	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *Portsmouth.*	Mr. Turner	Desires that the John ketch, taken up to attend on the Rainbow, may be entered, as also her men, from the 1st or 3rd inst., when she was victualled by her owner, otherwise the clerk of the check will only enter them from the time they arrived at Portsmouth.	84
„ „	„ „	Navy Comrs	Has received the bill of imprest for 20*l.*, and will be as provident as for his own private interest. Sailed for Spithead with 230 men last Wednesday, and hopes to be well manned and victualled and ready for orders in a week. The Yarmouth, Providence, and Wildman, sailed yesterday.	85
„ 23	Sir John Barkstead, *Tower, London.*	Adm. Com.	Being informed a year since that divers parcels of arms were left at inns and alehouses by soldiers who quartered there, issued a warrant to search for and seize them, whereupon a quantity were brought into the Tower and delivered to Major John Miller. As they may be employed for the service, asks a warrant to the officers of the ordnance to receive them, and to give Major Miller a discharge.	86
„ „	Thomasine Harwood	„	Petition for the exchange of Rich. Walter, surgeon, prisoner at Ostend, for Jacob Hollobus, surgeon, prisoner in Chelsea College. With certificate of Rog. Allsopp that he has Hollobus prisoner, as also Mich. Vanbrooke and Arian Rince, who belonged to Capt. Peter Clarke and Capt. Clinkard's ships.	87, 88
„ „	Thos. Hoplie, shipwright, *Deptford.*	„	Petition for the master carpenter's place in the Truelove; served as carpenter's mate in the Signet and Hampshire, has been engaged in the wars against the Hollanders, and employed in the yard at Deptford. With certificate of Manley Callis and Jonas Shish.	89, 90
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	„	Have received a survey of the Elias from Mr. Raven, the shipwright's assistant at Woolwich, and find it is necessary she should be brought to Woolwich, unladen, and laid aground, but think she may be dispatched in 6 days.	91

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656–7. Feb. 23	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	As there are very few who are acquainted with cocoa nuts, can give little satisfaction therein, and cannot therefore contradict what the captain affirms, that they were taken in green and delivered dry, and that there were no embezzlements.	Vol. 162. 92
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	Sends a survey made by himself and Wm. Thomson, of the Elias; as it is not safe to send her to sea until repaired, her provisions should be put into the Assistance and Drake. Particulars of ships.	93, 94
,, ,,	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Hearing that Mr. Aldridge can furnish such timber as may be needed at Chatham, has written him what sorts are required, and he only waits for an order to fell and convert it; desires it may be sent by the bearer, or must make a demand to have it elsewhere.	95
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex, Downs.*	,,	On the arrival of the Providence, shall appoint him a convoy for Plymouth. As to charges occasioned to the State by his letters to them, has not sent one to them, but enclosed them in a packet to the Admiralty Commissioners, which cost the State nothing; will observe their directions for the future. Desires two cables may be sent down with the other stores by the Redhorse.	96
,, 24	Rog. Allsopp, *Chelsea College.*	Adm. Com.	Certifies, by desire of Margaret Muzall, that there is an Ostend prisoner in Chelsea College named Melior, who was formerly a seaman in Capt. Peter de Clarke's ship, and has a wife and three children. With letter from John Muzall, in Ostend prison, to Margaret Muzall, Horsham, Sussex. Sailed on 4th Aug. with John Wilkins, of Redriff, and after taking in their lading at Falmouth, went for the Canaries, and returning with a cargo of wine, were forced into Waterford by stress of weather and want of provisions. Coming out, when off Scilly, they were taken by 4 Ostend men-of-war, after 3 hours' fighting, and sent prisoners to Ostend, where they now remain, stripped to the skin, and kept on an allowance of 1½*d.* a day. Desires she will go to Chelsea College, and having obtained the name of an Ostend prisoner there, take it to the Admiralty, and get an order for their exchange, as also go to his late master's wife, who lives near Redriff church, pay her 10*s.*, and she will thereupon write her husband to refund it to him. Expected to have been cleared before, but the ship and the merchant who came to buy the wine in her are clapped up in prison at Dunkirk.	97, 98
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Major Wm. Burton for 700*l.* on account, for a parcel of cordage contracted for.	99
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to pay the wages of the officers and company of the Elias, coming into port, save the captain, master, and pilot, which are to be suspended until further notice.	100
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for bringing the Elias into Chatham or Woolwich to repair, disposing of the provisions on board, and for taking up two anchors and cables left by her in the middle ground of the North Channel.	101
,, ,,	,, -	,,	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Capt. Thos. Alderne for 4,000*l.*, to carry on the affairs of the navy.	102

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656–7. Feb. 25	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to provide and ship in the James, to be sent to Gen. Blake, one pipe of the best Canary wine; Major Bourne to take care of this business.	Vol. 162. 103
" "	" - -	"	Order for refiting and victualling for 4 months 6 ships named for service in the Channel -	104
" "	Jo. Falkiner, *Tower*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends a letter from Hen. Quintin, offering to supply cannon for the London, fitting out for sea, at the usual rates; to be communicated to the Admiralty Commissioners.	105, 106
" "	John Hutton, *South Shields.*	Navy Comrs	Apologises for exceeding the time granted to visit his wife and children, having been ill; will sail with the first ship from Tynemouth Haven, and considering the long time he has been in the service, hopes they will not employ any other in his place.	107
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Received their order for disposing of the provisions on board the Elias to other ships; if the Portland or Princess Maria are appointed for sea, they can soon receive both her provisions and men.	108
" 27	" - -	"	Have hired the Exchange of London for transporting the cordage, sails, &c., sent for the West Indies in the William, which was surprised by the Dunkirkers, and also for taking what was left behind by the Golden Parrot and Hopewell, but she has room for 100 tons more.	109
" "	Thos. Wilde, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Comrs	Has contracted with Geo. England for cordage at 43*s.* per cwt., payable in a month, provided another person, who is presumed to be Major Burton, refuses to have it. Particulars of the prices at which anchors and cables were sold at the house of Wm. Scapes, in Yarmouth, some of which may be repurchased, if needed.	110
Feb.	Capt. Thos. Alderne	—	Eight bills of lading of provisions and stores received from him, shipped during the month of Feb., for Gen. Blake's fleet.	111–118
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Certificate for discharging the accounts of the Prize Goods' Commissioners, that the prize St. Clara, of Ostend, appraised at 311*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*, and two guns and a cable belonging to the Nostra del Rosaria prize, appraised at 39*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*, were delivered, by their orders, to Capt. Hen. Hatsell for the State; also the Ann of Dunkirk prize, appraised at 43*l.* 8*s.*, 4 pieces of ordnance, appraised at 12*s.* per cwt., 2 cwt. of shot at 5*s.* per cwt., and a quantity of ironwork at the same rate, were delivered to Major Wm. Burton on the same account. Request for an order for 2 chests of sugar claimed by Capt. Thos. Morgan.	119
March 2	Rog. Allsopp, *Chelsea College.*	"	Certifies, at request of Magdalen Wilkinson, that John Deburke, a Spanish gentleman taken in the St. John of Flushing as a passenger, is prisoner in Chelsea College; also certificate of the Admiralty of Dunkirk of their willingness to exchange him for John Wilkinson.	Vol. 163. 1, 2
" "	Thos. Eastwood -	Comr Fras. Willoughby	Has been to the New Forest, and finds the lops are claimed by the wooders as their perquisites and by the officers to defray charges; they were formerly sold for the navy; desires order therein, as also respecting the bark. The wooders desire order as to marking the trees; they usually take an account thereof, and send it to Lord Rich. Cromwell.	3

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656–7. Mar. 2	John Muzall, seaman, of *Horsham, Sussex.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for exchange for Melior Fermats, prisoner in Chelsea College. Returning in a Redriffe ship from the Canary islands was driven to Waterford, and coming home, was taken 3 leagues off Scilly, by an Ostender, after 3 hours' fight, and lies in prison in great misery; has a wife and 4 small children. With certificate by Wm. Freeman and 4 others, Horsham, Sussex, that he is now a prisoner at Ostend, and his wife and 4 children have nothing to subsist on but her labour.	Vol. 163. 4, 5
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Desires they will sign his bill to the treasurer for 440*l.*, disbursed for materials and labour in fitting out ships.	6
„ „	„ „	„	Sends an account of boats delivered into the stores by Jno. Tatnell, and desires his bill may be paid. Intended to come to London with his own account, but is stopped by extraordinary business for the State.	7
„ 3	Thomazin Harwood, widow.	Robt. Blackborne	Desires he will present her petition to the Admiralty Commissioners, for exchange of her son, Edw. Stoltenburgh, prisoner in Ostend, for Laurence de Fever, they declining to release Henrick Rayners, a prisoner in Chelsea College. When their order for de Fever arrived at Ostend there was no one to own him, his brother being at sea, so that the commissioners would not admit of his exchange, and her son thereupon procured Mr. Hambleton, of Ostend, to engage in 200*l.* that Fras. Pepin, prisoner at Portsmouth, should be exchanged for him, as soon as he arrived in England; but before her son came, Pepin was sent over.	8, 9
„ „	Thos. Young -	Adm. Com.	Petition for employment as master or pilot in the Princess Mary, having so served on board her and other ships; was in all the wars against the Dutch, and was employed by merchants of Lynn in the Mary of Lynn, which he was forced to run ashore, to escape being taken by 3 Holland men-of-war, whereby the merchants not only suffered great loss, but he was almost ruined. With certificates of Capts. Fras. Kirby, Jno. Blytby, and Wm. Murford.	10–12
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Major Wm. Burton for 600*l.*, on account of a contract for cordage.	13
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Capt. Thos. Alderne for 3,500*l.* a week for 4 weeks, for the navy victualling.	14
„ 4	„ - -	„	Order to consider what further proportion of victuals, &c., must be sent for the forces at Jamaica, and ship them in the Exchange, which has stowage room remaining for 100 tons.	15
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to appoint John Haslelock master surgeon at Deptford yard, in place of Thos. Biggs, deceased, late master surgeon there and at Woolwich yard, the Navy Commissioners having represented that each yard should have an able surgeon, as the poor men often endanger their lives for want of a person on the place.	16
„ „	„ -	„	Order to appoint Rich. Whiting master surgeon at Woolwich yard for the same reasons - -	17
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Major Neh. Bourne for 120*l.*, as a gratuity for preserving the State's interest in the timber at Hitcham Wood, co. Suffolk, which was anciently reserved for the navy.	18

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656-7. Mar. 4	Wm. Acworth, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has not received any cordage from Major Wm. Burton. Desires order for erecting a fence on the hill against the deal yard, to prevent embezzlements during the night; it will not cost more than 10*l.* or 12*l.*, there being waste timber about the yard.	Vol. 163. 19
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Desires order for sale by the candle of some old clothes returned from Jamaica, also some cordage and old boats at Woolwich, as they all grow worse daily by keeping.	20
" "	Thos. Wilde, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Again treated with Geo. England for the cordage, but as the other person has not yet refused, it stands over. With copy of his letter of 27 Feb.	21
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to send directions to Portsmouth for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Falmouth, just arrived from the West Indies.	22
" "	Capt. Robt. Martin, *Hope flyboat, Weymouth.*	Adm. Com.	The right honble. Wm. Brayne, lieut.-general of his Highness' forces in America, and Governor Stoakes and his people, have arrived there, as also several of the State's ships; the forces both by sea and land are in good health. On 9 Jan. was commanded by his Honor to sail for the Downs, with a packet for his Highness, in company with the Welcome and 5 others, but became separated by contrary winds, lost a boy, and had to keep the pumps going. Capt. Middleton has many of his men sick.	23
" 5	Capt. John Poyntz, *Plymouth Sound.*	"	Was one of 7 ships that sailed from Jamaica under Capt. Robt. Martin, commander-in-chief; hopes the others have safely arrived, as they were separated by the winds; his ship, the Mary fly-boat, was forced in. 1500 planters, men, women, and children, with the governor of Mevis and his family, have settled about Port Moranto. Lieut.-Gen. Brayne, with the Grantham, Chesnut ketch, and some victuallers, arrived at Jamaica on 13 Dec. He appeared to be very active, and things promised well there.	24
" 6	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Repair, victualling, and sailing of ships - - - - - - - -	25
	" "	Adm. Com.	To the same effect. Sees no probability of a rising, but shall trust enemies no further than he can see them, and will take care to keep the guards close to their duties.	26
" "	Navy Comrs. -	"	The officers at Deptford report that the Gillyflower is much eaten by the worm; think the Half Moon or Sophia should be fitted out instead.	27
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for the speedy refitting of the Half Moon at Deptford for service in the Channel, in lieu of the Gillyflower.	28
" "	" - -	"	Order to put up a quantity of old clothes returned from Jamaica for sale by the candle, and pay the proceeds to the navy treasurer.	29
" 7	" - -	"	Request for a bill of imprest for 3 months' pay for the company of the Mayflower, lately employed on the Irish coast, they being in great want of clothes, &c.	30
" "	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch, Orfordness.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying about his station and convoying vessels since 7th Feb. While in the Swinn, found one of the anchors and cables lost by the Elias, which he carried to Harwich and delivered to the storekeeper.	31

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1656–7. Mar. 7	Daniel Furzer, *Lidney.*	Comr Fras. Willoughby	As he cannot bargain for the masts, desires order to make some of oak out of the Forest. There is a freight of timber ready to be shipped at the waterside, but 1 and 2 inch plank is too green, and not yet sawn. Rosin may be had at Bristol at 11*s.* per cwt., and cordage, sails, &c., as cheap as at London; there are a dozen of the State's guns upon the back at Bristol, and there was some speech of casting some at the furnace at Lidney.	Vol. 163. 32
,, 9	Fras. Baylie, *Bristol.*	Navy Comrs	Sends his accounts for timber received of Mr. Aldridge; never kept any account of the lading of it, but will do so for the future.	33
,, ,,	Lieut. Thos. Cooke.	[Blackborne.]	According to order, sends account of his captain's drunken proceedings, from the time they took on board the money at Weymouth for Jersey, until they arrived at St. Malo; it can be confirmed by Capt. Potter, as also by John Ritch, the chaplain, and the master. Supposes he has been satisfied concerning Capt. Potter's abusing the waiter at Plymouth.	34
,, ,,	Jno. Jelley - -	Adm. Com.	Asks employment or a gratuity for the loss sustained by the burning of the Discovery at Jamaica; has presented several petitions and certificates. With petition to be purser in one of the frigates filling at Plymouth. Served in the Dutch war and in the West Indies, under Gen. Penn, and lost much in the sad disaster of the Discovery, on which he was steward, by fire. Was appointed to the Sampson, but it is not going to sea. Also to be purser of the Mermaid. After waiting 20 months, was appointed to the Sampson 7 April last, but the Mermaid is ready for sea.	35–37
,, ,,	T. Lodington, *Victualling Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends a note from Capt. J. Lightfoot, of the Nightingale, that he will not be ready to take in his provisions for another week; desires he will call the Commissioners' attention to his unworthiness.	38
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *Essex, Downs.*	Navy Comrs	Received their letter by Peter de France, master of the Ann and Margaret of Poole, bound with provisions for Portsmouth, who with several other ships laden on the State's account, had the advantage of being convoyed there by the Elizabeth. Wants the masts and sails for the Dartmouth, the cables for the Red Horse, the anchor lent to Mr. Hoare, and the cable to Mr. Browne. Encloses a bill from Capt. Bonner, of the William and John, bound for the East Indies, for a parcel of junk received from Mr. Culmer.	39
,, ,,	Thos. Wilde, *Yarmouth.*	,,	Hears from Geo. England that Major Burton has agreed to have the 50 ropes, so the bargain is void, but if they will have the other cables and ropes, will contract for them.	40
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order for making iron chains, to enable the hulks to ride by at Deptford and Woolwich, as it will be a great public advantage by the saving of cordage in making cables.	41
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for docking and repairing at Deptford and Woolwich such of the Flemish ships in the Thames as are fit to be employed in the service.	42
,, 10	,, - -	,,	Order to consider an account from Vice-Adm. Goodson of the remains of stores in the storehouse on Caguey Point, Jamaica, made by Wm. Dalyson, the storekeeper there, and order what more should be sent in the Exchange besides those already laden in her, and consign them to the Commander-in-chief of the forces there.	43, 44

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656–7. Mar. 10	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to take the examinations of the master and company of the William, lately surprised in her passage with stores to Jamaica, touching her condition, and whether it was through any defect she was exposed to such miscarriage.	Vol. 163. 45
" "	" - -	"	Order to allow 10 extra men to the Guinea frigate above her present 120 - - - -	46
" "	" - -	"	Order for a bill of imprest to Major Wm. Burton for 600*l.* on a contract for cordage - -	47
" "	" - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to certify what bills of exchange have been signed or paid that were drawn by Generals Venables or Penn, Vice-Adm. Goodson, or any of the Commissioners appointed for managing affairs in the West Indies, or by any Commander in their authority since Dec. 1654. With their reply, 11 March, that the bills amount to 8,574*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*, and that the imprests thereon were 8,494*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*	48–50
" "	Ordnance Officers -	—	Account of gunpowder and saltpetre delivered and to be delivered by several makers named, by virtue of contracts made with them; note of serviceable and unserviceable powder remaining in the stores.	51
" "	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition*, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Having been ordered by the Admiralty Commissioners to convoy the Iceland fishery, they have sent him 50 tickets for the relief of such of his men as are in the most need; as it will be a great charge to them to come to London to get them cashed, they have procured some friends at Yarmouth to send them up; begs they may be paid when presented.	52
" "	Thos. White, *Dover.*	"	The Accadia has come in to tallow and victual. Begs employment for a ketch he has, which formerly attended on Vice-Adm. Lawson, as also upon the Unicorn, and is a very quick sailer. The James passed Dover on Friday, and some other ships yesterday; there is only Capt. Whitehorn now in the Downs.	53
" "	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice*, *Leith.*	"	Having received ballast since coming to Scotland from Edw. Booth, and has charged a bill upon them for it.	54
" "	Capt. Mich. Nutton, the *Norwich*, *Leith.*	"	Has been plying between St. Abb's Head and Boekenness, by order of Gen. Monk, but having sprung a leak, put into Cromarty Harbour, and having repaired, hopes to be now fit for the summer. Left Chatham last November, and his provisions are to hold until April. His purser, Wm. Cromp, who stayed behind at London, has not yet come on board.	55
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	"	Has seen nearly all the provisions delivered into the stores this year by Mr. Maplesden; they are very good and reasonable, and as he engaged for ready money, he is now at a stand, not knowing how to give content or perform his promises without a supply; there is need of elm and compass timber, which he can provide if he can pay for it. As the Admiralty Commissioners have granted him a bill of imprest for 500*l.*, desires their furtherance to his receiving the money; it will be a great advantage at this time of the year.	56
" 11	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Desire order to enter 40 extra caulkers at Woolwich and 20 at Deptford, to assist in fitting out the Flemish ships in the River. With the order accordingly.	57, 58

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656-7. Mar. 11	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a note of deals required, there being none in the stores. The London is ready for her victuals and ordnance, but there are no carriages.	Vol. 163. 59
" "	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	Blackborne.	Desires an order to have 6 pair of hand screws with claws repaired, and that he will contract with Saml. Hodgkins, the smith, for 6 new pairs without claws which he has brought in; suggests that each second-rate ship should be supplied with a pair to carry to sea. Wants a pair for the London.	60
" 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for victualling the Princess Maria, and supplying her with stores for 160 men and 36 guns, she being designed for service southward, in lieu of the Elias.	61
" "	" - -	"	Order for refitting and victualling the Laurel for 4 months for 160 men, for service in the Channel.	62
" "	Robert Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	"	As the Dragon is designed to convoy merchant ships to Hamburg, the Admiralty Commissioners desire to know what vessels are taking in hemp there on the State's account, so that Capt. Haddock may have directions to bring them back; also that a parcel of iron hoops may be shipped in the Exchange, with the other necessaries for Jamaica, they being much needed there. Asks where the long flat-bottomed boats are that were built for the service of Scotland.	63
" "	" "	"	An anchor and cable, lost by the Elias, were recovered by the Hind ketch and left at Harwich -	64
" "	John Packwood, *Woolwich.*	"	Has transferred the provisions in the Elias to the Portland, also 75 of her men, being all that would agree to be turned over; the remaining 60, consisting of officers and their servants, are considerable to be continued, the ship being in sea pay, and must have a petty warrant for victuals; shall not grant any until ordered, neither is it his duty to discharge the men, the ship being in sea pay, and at the end of a voyage, although short; both officers and men have closely followed their business until all was done. Particulars of ships.	65
" "	Thos. Turner, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends an amended account of what has been paid on the bills of the Generals, &c., for affairs in the West Indies, and explains how the difference occurred in the total mentioned in the Navy Commissioners' letter of yesterday, and in the account enclosed.	66
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Tower Hill.*	"	Cannot inform him what vessels are loading at Hamburg, but will procure and send the names of the persons Capt. Haddock must apply to when he arrives there. Will order the iron hoops for Jamaica. The Scotch boats are at Chatham.	67
" 13	Dr. Jno. Godolphin, *Doctors' Commons.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Recommends Jno. Mathewes for payment of what is due to him for service in the Drake frigate, his necessities being very great, and he having two law suits pending, in the Admiralty and the Court of Delegates.	68
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	As there is a ship going to Dean Forest, will send masts for the frigate now being built there by Mr. Furzer; it will be a saving to the State if her guns and stores are sent at the same time.	69

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656–7. Mar. 13	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Do not conceive it necessary to send any iron hoops to Jamaica in the Exchange, considering the great quantity of iron and coals which were taken out there with the fleet; the smiths there ought to work and make what is required, as nothing but necessity will prompt them to be industrious.	Vol. 163. 70
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	NavyComrs	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Athy, vintner, for 54*l.*, for a pipe of Canary delivered to Dr. Blake, for the use of Gen. Blake.	71
„ 14	„ - -	„	Order to reconsider how far the Commonwealth is obliged to make satisfaction for freight to the owners of the Sea Adventure ketch, taken up to attend Gen. Penn's fleet to the West Indies, while she lay in port, they having had no advantage by her service, and to do therein as is agreeable to justice; noted that she was contracted for 21 July 1654, at 50*l.* a month, and engaged to 3 Aug. 1655, abating 6 weeks. With certificate by Jno. Tippetts that 10*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* was expended upon her for materials and workmen's wages, and an account by John Dymocke of stores supplied amounting to 8*l.* 7*s.* 6¾*d.*	72–74
„ „	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	„	Notwithstanding what they have offered against sending iron hoops to Jamaica, the Admiralty Commissioners judge it very requisite that some should be sent, as they are not certain that any of the smiths who went with the fleet are now surviving, and there may be need for employing the iron in the stores there for other uses.	75
„ „	Col. Jno. Clarke, *Whitehall.*	„	Recommends Mr. Lidcott, woollen draper of Watling St., to supply the State with woollens for waste clothes.	76
„ „	Ordnance officers -	Robt. Blackborne.	Having provided the stores to be sent to Berwick, and contracted with a hoy for transporting them, but not having heard from Major Tollost, desire orders as to sending them, and as to where the 70 barrels of powder are to be taken in.	77
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Wants a supply of 1,600 deals for the stores - - - - - - -	78
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover.*	„	Went to Ramsgate and viewed the masts, sails, and rigging cut overboard by the Reserve, and recovered by the Thanet men, at the back of the Goodwin, and sends an inventory with other particulars. Has paid 28*l.* 11*s.* for salvage, and bringing them to Dover, and will send them up if needed, otherwise can use them with advantage to the State.	79, 80
„ 16	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Westmiuster.*	„	A parcel of hemp having been bought in France for the State, a charge has been made on him by bill of exchange for 600*l.*, which, with the freight and other expenses, will amount to 700*l.* Another bill has also been drawn on him for 724*l.*, taken up at Plymouth for carrying on the affairs of the navy there; for satisfying these sums, has drawn a bill on Mr. Treasurer for 1,400*l.*, which he hopes will have dispatch.	81
„ „	Christ. Pett, Wm. Badiley, Saml. Raven, *Woolwich.*	„	Find on survey that with a little repair, washing, and tallowing, the Elias will be a fine ship, and fit for service. Will launch the Laurel and Dover next Thursday.	82

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1656–7.				Vol. 163.
Mar. 16	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, *Essex, Dowus.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Hears from Mr. White, of Dover, that he has received the piece of mainmaist, with the sails, shrouds, &c., from the Isle of Thanet, which formerly belonged to the Reserve, and that they are fit for present service.	83
„ 17	Adm. Com.	„	Order to make out a bill to Major Wm. Burton for 500*l.* on account of his cordage contract	84
„ „	„	„	Order for supplying the Portland with an extra quantity of beer, to answer the other proportion of victuals turned over from the Elias.	85
„ „	Geo. Dam	Adm. Com.	Begs the place of purser in the London, as the present one is to be transferred to the Sovereign. Would have applied before, but has been confined in doors through sickness, and has a family in much distress.	86
„ „	Navy Comrs.	„	Hearing from Mr. Pett, at Woolwich, that the Elias can be made fit for service, desire orders may be sent, as also to grave and tallow the Dover and Laurel.	87
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^{rs}	The Oxford having come in to wash, tallow, and victual, has set men on work, and will make all speed to dispatch her. Hopes they will pay his bill for disbursements to Jno. Edwards, the Dover Post, as he cannot proceed without it.	88
„ 18	Capt. Wm. Badiley	„	Has treated with several smiths concerning the chains, and thinks it needful to allow $\frac{1}{3}$ in weight more to a fad of chain than formerly, which will cause the fad to weigh 2 cwt. Has stretched a line over, and finds the river is 225 fads in breadth, so if 25 fads more are made, it will do the work, which will rise to 25 tons of chain. The smiths warrant the chain for a year and a day, at 56*l.* per ton, which will amount to 1,400*l.*, and the ground work may be laid for 100*l.* Will get Mr. Loder, of Deptford, to make a fad [of chain] as soon as possible.	89
„ „	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham.*	„	Desires a supply of tar for the stores	90
„ „	T. Lodington, *Victualling Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has an order from the Admiralty Commissioners for allowance of some supernumeraries on board the Nightingale, but as the purser cannot show when they were discharged, or to what ship they were transferred, he cannot trace the sea books, or ascertain for how long to give credit for them. Asks further orders.	91
„ „	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Have considered the petition and papers of Jno. Rye, purser of the Sorlings, and although very sensible of the knavery practised by such persons, as also by stewards, in framing forged certificates to pass their victualling accounts, by which the State is greatly defrauded, yet as divers of his papers appear to be true, think they ought to be allowed. Such references for the future ought to be made to the persons before whom the whole accounts of the victualling lie, who being daily conversant thereabouts, and having instruments abroad in all ports, have all the advantage to secure the State from damage.	92

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656–7. Mar. 19	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Reference of the petition of Robt. Willis, diver, for employment in endeavouring to recover some brass guns belonging to the Liberty, which was cast away off Harwich, as also of those belonging to the Sussex, which was burnt off Portsmouth, and which he endeavoured to recover 2 years since, but was prevented by the storms. With draft reply that it is desirable to re-attempt it, and would be advisable to send some competent persons from Harwich in one of their wherries to search for the guns, and meantime to have the diver's hoy fitted, and if he should do no good there, then to order him to Portsmouth, where there is great probability of his recovering the Sussex's guns and anchors.	Vol. 163. 93, 94
,, ,,	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	,,	Sends an account of stores supplied to the boatswains and carpenters of ships named. Has contracted with Fras. Searles, of Ipswich, for 15 tons of cordage, at the former rates.	95
,, ,,	Ordnance Officers -	—	Account of what serviceable arms, powder, and match remain in the ordnance stores - -	96
,, ,,	Major Robt. Thomson.	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks a warrant for Hen. Dalley, executor of Edw. Hopkins, for 195*l.* 10*s.*, due to Hopkins at his decease, on his salary as a navy commissioner, at 400*l.* a year, but he will do well to move the Commissioners to pay the full quarter entered into, it being customary. With draft of a warrant of 7 March 1656–7, on an order from the Protector of 4 Sept. 1656, for 196*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, 250*l.* having been received within the time.	97, 98
,, 20	Aug. Aldridge, *Lidney, Dean Forest.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has freighted the John and Mary with timber, and she has also taken in six gentlemen. Sends an account of timber at the water side ready to be shipped, and in the wood ready for carriage. Cannot procure many carriers at present, as they are sowing their corn, but will make as much speed as possible. As letters often miscarry, has sent up the bearer with his account; hopes they will consider his loss of the chips, and that the 140*l.* he has received on account of his salary the last 2 years and upwards has not paid for his maintenance, but that he has had to spend his own money that he brought down.	99
,, ,,	John Browne, *Chatham.*	,,	As he has only as much hemp and tar in the stores as will employ the men for a month, must have a supply, or an order to discharge some of the men.	100
,, ,,	Ordnance Officers -	,,	Send an account of 353 pieces of ordnance received out of the Gideon and Raven prizes, some of which have been dispersed amongst the State's ships, and the remainder are at the Tower Wharf and Chatham. If restitution is required by the King of Sweden, his agent should ascertain the number and nature of those claimed, as an account is kept in the ordnance office of the names of all prize ships from which any guns have been received, without any reference to the name of the master.	101
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	Is in great want of the deals long since ordered, and unless suddenly sent down, will be forced to buy some at extraordinary prices. Major Browne's note will show how low the stores are of hemp and tar, a supply of which would prevent discharging the men.	102
,, ,,	,, - -	Adm. Com.	Issued warrants for searching for the Flemish captains, but they have not yet been found. Is victualling the London, and launched the Torrington, and is now setting her masts, her victuals being sent for.	103

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1656–7. Mar. 21	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Hope and Welcome, lately arrived at Portsmouth from the West Indies	Vol. 163. 104
,, ,,	,,	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to examine the accounts of Lieut.-Col. Elton, for washing and tallowing the Assurance at Hull, make out a bill for what is due, and charge the several stores therein mentioned on the accounts of the officers of the frigate who received the same.	105
,, ,,	,,	,,	Order for refitting the Raven and Beaver, of 6 guns each, and victualling them for 4 months, for 30 and 25 men, for service in the Channel.	106
,, 23	,,	,,	Order to send two cables of 13 inches each to the Essex, in the Downs, by the first State's ship that goes thither.	107
,, ,,	Giles Reason	Adm. Com.	Petition for a renewal of his warrant for the cook's place in the Portland; with certificate by Hen. Powell of his former services therein, and order in the Admiralty Committee to enter him accordingly.	108–110
,, ,,	Jno. Child, *South Lambeth.*	,,	Intended to wait on them to contract for waste clothes, but promised to meet Mr. Beckford and Mr. Burrowes at Deptford, to survey their hard bargain; will not fail to meet Mr. Lidcott at the Navy Office next Wednesday, and try and put an end to that business.	111
,, ,,	Elizabeth Jacobson	,,	Petitions for the exchange of her husband, Capt. Jno. Jacobson, a prisoner in Chelsea College, for Hen. Hodder, formerly master of a ship of 6 guns, but now a prisoner in Dunkirk. With certificate of Roger Allsopp, that Capt. Jacobson was taken by the Hawk ketch, and is now a prisoner in Chelsea College, and certificate by the Dunkirk Admiralty of their willingness to exchange him for Hodder.	112–114
,, ,,	Jno. Jelley	Col. Clerke	Asks employment. Encloses a certificate by Capts. Fras. Kirby and Jno. Blyth that Jelley served in the Discovery in the West Indies, and having known him for 4 years, they can recommend him for a purser's place.	115, 116
,, ,,	Gates Nayler	[Navy Com^{rs}.]	Hopes they will consider the damage he sustained by his ketch putting into Foy, where the master sold all the guns, a new cable, and part of the provisions, to the value of 60*l.*, which he had to make good before she could go to the Straits.	117
,, ,,	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Estimates the rosin in the stores at Chatham at 12 tons	118
,, ,,	Ordnance Officers	,,	Desire a convoy for the Hopewell of London, laden with guns, carriages, and shot, for Berwick, and now waiting at Gravesend, having missed the Weymouth pink, which was appointed for her.	119
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Can say nothing about the men coming to London, as he showed their order to the captains, and acquainted the stewards. Will make a survey of the sails, cables, and rigging of the ships, and send it up. The Mermaid and Lark have sailed.	120
,, 24	Adm. Com.	,,	Order to make out a bill to John Fowler for his pay as Judge Advocate of the fleet, from his last pay to this date, at 8*s.* a day.	121

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1656-7. Mar. 24	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Wm. Carey for 29*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*, disbursed by Gen. Monk's order in Scotland, for freight of provisions that belonged to the Islip, cast away there, taking care that it has not been already allowed on the accounts of Messrs. Wilson and Greene, of Leith.	Vol. 163. 122
,, ,,	,,	,,	Order to add 5 men to the Lark frigate, beyond her complement of 50	123
,, ,,	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	,,	Sends an account of provisions required for the stores at Harwich; has spoken to Thos. Fox, master of a vessel of Harwich, to call for them.	124, 125
,, ,,	Rob. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	,,	To ship the pipe of wine, bought for Gen. Blake, in the Princess Maria, bound for Cape Finnisterre, and order Capt. Grymsditch to preserve it from spoil and embezzlement.	126
,, ,,	Isaac Lyte, *London*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will supply 10,000 ammunition swords at 4*s.*, hangers at 4*s.* 6*d.*, and as many fine blades for horsemen at 5*s.* each; one moiety to be paid down, and the other half when the Admiralty Committee think fit.	127
,, 25	Wm. Burton, junr., *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Particulars of ships	128
,, ,,	Manley Callis, *Deptford.*	,,	Has docked the Rosebush and Sophia; particulars of their defects	129
,, 26	Adm. Com.	,,	Order that a perfect invoice be made of the provisions shipped in the Exchange at Deptford for the forces in the West Indies, and that the same, with a bill of lading, be sent to the commander-in-chief of the forces at Jamaica, to whom they are to be consigned; also duplicates to the Navy Commissioners. With an estimate by Jno. Davies of the tonnage.	130, 131
,, ,,	,,	,,	Order to make out a bill to the Commissioners of Customs for 180*l.* on a bill of exchange sent, and place it as an imprest on the account of Thos. Shewell of Bristol, who drew it.	132
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Peter Pett, Navy Com^{rs}	Having mounted 32 pieces of ordnance, and shipped the cables and most of the stores in the London, she will sail to-morrow. Wishes he had taken his counsel, and not laden so much beer, as she draws 17 feet 9 inches afore, and 18 feet 5 inches abaft, and has near 100 tons of guns, &c. yet to come. Asks an order for spending the sea beer while she is in the Hope, as she has for 6 months, and if a month had been left out, it would have been more convenient to ship other things desired.	133
,, ,,	Eliz. Jacobson	Adm. Com.	Petition for release of Nich. Baldilinas, at Plymouth, and Adrian Marten, at Rye, in exchange for John Gatterley and Nath. Bevill, prisoners at Dunkirk. With consent thereto of the Admiralty Judges of Dunkirk.	134–136
,, 27	Thos. White	—	Account of bills paid for fitting out ships, wages, and other incidentals, from Sept. 10, 1656, to 27 Mar. 1657, total, 909*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.*	137
,, 28	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to assure the Admiralty Judges, at Dunkirk, that in case the boys, Edw. Stone, Ralph Graunt, and John Provo, now prisoners in Dunkirk, are released, three persons of like quality, now prisoners here, shall be set at liberty, and exchanged for them.	138

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1656–7. Mar. 30	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Church and Mary flyboats, lately arrived at Woolwich from the West Indies	Vol. 163. 139
” 31	”	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for a bill of imprest to Major Wm. Burton for 500*l.* on account of cordage	140
” ”	”	”	Order for the building of 6 small vessels, two in each of the yards at Deptford, Woolwich, and Chatham, to carry 4 guns and 30 men each, and a month or 6 weeks' provisions, and not to draw, when fully manned and victualled, above 5 feet of water, as advised by Major Neh. Bourne, to be ready for sea by the 21 Aug. next. If additional workmen are required, they are to be entered as needed.	141
” ”	”	”	Order for the speedy refitting and victualling of the Dunbar, Gloucester, Entrance, Dover, and Elias, for service in the Channel.	142
” ”	”	”	Order to allow John Packwood, clerk of the Check, at Woolwich, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* annually, from 1 Jan. last, so as to make up his salary of 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, 70*l.* a year.	143
Mar. ?	Thos. Hockley	Adm. Com.	Begs a renewal of his warrant as cook of the Torrington. With certificate by Capt. Robt. Saunders.	144, 145
” ”	Robt. Ingram	—	Account for ironware delivered into the stores at Chatham, between 1 Jan. and 31 Mar. 1657, total, 526*l.* 0*s.* 3½*d.*	146
April 1	Wm. Acworth and 3 others, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Received some of the hemp from Geo. Baldron, according to their order, but as the master workman and others complain of its bad quality, have forborne taking the remainder. Ask whether to do so, or return what they have.	Vol. 164. 1
” ”	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Elizabeth.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed 17 sail out of Plymouth into Yarmouth Roads on 26 Mar., by order of Capt. Whitehorne, commander-in-chief in the Downs, and afterwards a fleet of 200 sail to the northward, by order of Major Burton. Has only 13 days' victuals on board.	2
” ”	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Bramble, Dover Road.*	”	Has repaired his masts, and will go to his station, and venture his life for the good of his country and his own reputation.	3
” ”	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind, Harwich.*	”	Had been plying to and fro until he received their order to convoy a Yarmouth hoy laden with the State's cordage, which he saw to the river's mouth, and then repaired to his station. Hearing of their order for him at Harwich, ran into the Rolling Grounds, hauled on shore, tallowed, victualled for 10 weeks, and has again set sail for his station.	4
” ”	Capt. J. Grymsditch.	”	Recommends Mr. Hanson as chaplain for the Princess Maria	5
” 2	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for additional allowance of 10 men to the 25 at present borne on the Beaver	6
” ”	”	”	Order to hire a ketch belonging to Mr. White, of Dover, to carry water and provisions to the squadron on the Flemish coast, and dispatch it to Capt. Whitehorne in the Downs with all speed.	7

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1657. Apr. 2	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, Buoy of the Nore.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on his station, and given convoy to several vessels up the Swinn, and has now others under his charge, with merchants' goods bound for Ipswich and Woodbridge.	Vol. 164. 8
" 3	Lieut.-Col. Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	"	Received their orders for Capts. Allen and Pickering, but has heard nothing of them; hopes they have convoyed the Eastland ships out of danger. The merchants and himself return thanks for their great care as to convoy for their ships and the Eastland ships; there are now 5 in the Humber bound for London; hopes if any man-of-war touches there, they will order him to see them thither, or appoint one of the frigates on the northern coast to do so.	9
" "	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	"	Sent their order to Capt. Baker of the Lizard, which has sailed with the field carriages for Kinsale, and will then return to the Land's End. Hears that some vessels belonging to Hull, bound for Dartmouth, have been taken about the Land's End, which is a great loss to the poor men concerned.	10
" "	Capt. Wm. Godfrey, *Marmaduke, Kinsale.*	"	As there is no one appointed at Kinsale to supply the necessaries he needed, has paid for them out of his own purse, and will sail to-night for the Downs.	11
" "	Capt. N. Heaton, the *Gainsborough, Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends account of the proceedings of the Gainsborough at sea, from Mar. 11 to April 1st; thanks the Admiralty Committee for all favours, and particularly for being allowed to remain on shore, as he is much refreshed; wishes he could go to the Bath, as it would do him much good. No news save the eyes of all men are upon his neighbour; hopes the Lord will direct all things for his own glory. With the account alluded to.	12, 13
" "	Wm. Hockett -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a continuance in his place of master in the Elias, preparing for sea. With certificate of Capt. Wm. Badiley and Jno. Packwood.	14, 15
" "	Matthew Jones, Shipwright, *Deptford.*	"	Petition for the master carpenters' place in the Beaver; has served the State 5 years, and been one of the carpenter's crew in the Andrew. With certificate of Manley Callis.	16, 17
" "	Ordnance officers -	"	Have considered the petition of Andrew Jackson, for some allowance for his services at Chatham from June 1664 to Sept. 1655, and recommend that 40*l*. be paid him.	18
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Will endeavour to give the two small vessels quick dispatch, but in respect of the short time limited for finishing them, desires the men may work two hours extra daily, as it will be only 7*d*. more each daily, and will much forward the work. Wants two-inch plank.	19
" "	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Will go to Harwich to re-victual. Is victualled to the 10th inst., but will put his men on such an allowance as will lengthen it to the 14th, and meantime ply on his station. Account of powder, match, shot, &c., expended the last 11 months; desires 15 barrels of decayed powder may be exchanged.	20
" 4	John Rundell, late prisoner in *Ostend.*	"	Petition that Ivan Vermodes, a prisoner in Chelsea College, may be released and sent over to Dunkirk in exchange for himself, having been discharged at Ostend on his parole, and on giving security to the Admiralty there that he should be sent over. With pass for him to England by the Admiralty Judges of Dunkirk.	21, 22

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1657. Apr. 4	Robt. Thorowgood, and 5 others, *King's Lynn*, co. *Norfolk*.	Adm. Com.	Recommend Capt. Jer. Country, late commander of the Roe ketch, for encouragement, he having convoyed their vessels on several occasions, and always performed his duty with much willingness and care; but having been desparately wounded in an engagement with a Dunkirk frigate, he has been lying on shore there for the cure of his wounds in much pain, and at great expense, since 1st Jan. last.	Vol. 164. 23
,, ,,	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs^	On orders from the commander-in-chief, will have his ketch ready to attend the fleet on the coast of Flanders at a day's notice, and be content either to let her, with 5 men and 2 guns, and to victual them as in her last voyage to Calais, or only for wear and tear, and the fleet to find men, wages, and victuals; asks leave to put in the master.	24
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	On their orders, will fit the John ketch, and send her to the commander-in-chief in the Downs; having hired a master and 4 men.	25
,, 5	Geo. Kendall - -	Navy Com^rs^	The boatswain's servant of the Sampson, being at variance with his master, has charged him with having embezzled some cordage. Took his examination. Packwood has entered the boy on board the Dover, so that he may be forthcoming; but all the rigging, save what was standing upon the masts, was brought on shore, and nothing was missed.	26
,, 6	Adm. Judges of *Dunkirk*.	Adm. Com.	Send over, in exchange for Joan de Biurco, prisoner at Chelsea College, John Wilkinson, master, and will send over the other master, and Wm. Wellwyn, merchant, as agreed on, by the next packet, they being now at Ostend. [*French.*]	27
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Curle, *Sparrow* pink, *Harwich*.	Adm. Com.	Cannot account for his pink having sprung another leak so soon after being refitted, and his company do not believe that it has been wilfully done; is much troubled that it should have happened, as having asked to be removed to another station, an ill-construction may be put upon it, but his conscience is clear. Will endeavour to find out the leak, and also take in the 14 days' provisions he left behind.	28
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Elizabeth*.	,,	Received order on the 3rd inst. to convoy the colliers, but has ever since had contrary winds, and the 100 bound for Newcastle are gone to Harwich. Has spent so much of his victuals that he has now only sufficient for 8 days, and but little powder that is serviceable; having been a year at sea, most of it is damp.	29
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Haddock, *Dragon*, *Gluckstadt*.	,,	On 31 Mar. sent an account of his safe arrival at Gluckstadt, with 11 sail under convoy; since then has sent to Hamburg to know whether the ships with the tar and hemp were ready to sail, and they have not yet come down. Encloses a letter received from 21 merchants and masters of ships at Hamburg, some of whom went over with him, thanking him for his convoy, and desiring him to stay to see them back; as there are 12 or 15 sail, and some of them laden upon the State's account, has agreed to wait for 4 days, and hopes it will not be considered a breach of his orders.	30, 31

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1657. Apr. 6	Capt. N. Heaton	Capt. Hatsell.	The Sapphire's captain is honest and able, but the company are divided to his grief, especially the boatswain, master, and master's mate, which if continued, things are likely to be badly performed, to the State and the captain's prejudice, and to the great discouragement of all who may sail in the ship. The captain is willing to compose things; there is a necessity for regulating them before Capt. Clay goes out of port again. Has the power of a flag officer by the General's order, yet being in port, desires a particular order, and if it should be thought fit that he should examine the business, the Commissioners should let him have it by the next post.	Vol. 164. 32
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Particulars of ships. The Dunbar and 2 others are being rigged and graved; must order the ropemakers to work extra hours until they are fitted with cordage; hemp is much wanted at Chatham. Is hastening the building of the 2 new frigates.	33
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	34
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	As the fleet under his convoy has put back to Yarmouth through the weather, has come in for more water and ballast, and as he has only 11 weeks' provisions left, desires order for a supply out of some ship in the roads, should he be longer delayed.	35
" "	Hugh Salesbury, *Portsmouth.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	As there may be some alteration in the Victualling Office at Portsmouth through Capt. Alderne's death, renews his request to be looked upon; doubts not of satisfying anyone of his abilities for that employment.	36
" "	Capt. Jo. Topping, *Tynemouth Castle.*	Adm. Com.	Paul Andrews, who was ordered to be kept a prisoner in the Castle, with an allowance of *4d.* a day, having been detected by a soldier trying to escape, has since been kept in closer confinement, but having fallen sick, he desires his liberty. Damaged.	37
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex, Downs.*	"	Will acquaint Capt. Plumleigh about the enemy, and has given Capt. Sparling advice for the better carrying on of the design against them; he, with his squadron, will sail the first wind. Sends an account of Capt. Sparling's proceedings in the Drake, of the Downs squadron, and of other ships. Capt. Tatnell chased a pirate of 8 guns lying off Calais, but he escaped in the dark. Will order such ships as require it to clean and re-victual. Capt. Nixon should be supplied with 10 more men and 2 guns, as his pink will be very serviceable in the design she is employed on.	38
" 7	Capt. Mic. Nutton, the *Norwich, Leith Road.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends two musters of men on board, the purser being absent. Has orders from General Monk to convoy a ship laden with cables and some others to Queenborough, and then to return to Leith. Has received 6 weeks' victuals by the General's order.	39
" "	Capt. J. Grymesditch, *Princess Maria.*	Adm. Com.	Has endeavoured to man his ship with able seamen, but has great difficulty in regard of the many merchantmen setting out, and the paucity of ships from Newcastle, who remain wind-bound at home. Will sail with the first wind; the pilot is giving constant attendance. The Exchange still lies at Blackwall; asks whether he is to wait for her, or let her follow him to the Downs.	40

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1657. Apr. 7	Capt. J. Grymesditch, *Princess Maria.*	Navy Comrs	Being detained from sailing by contrary winds, and wanting more able seamen, sent his lieutenant to London, and he having expended 52*s.* in pressing 40 men, hopes they will order him reimbursement.	Vol. 154. 41
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Sparling, *Assistance, Dover Road.*	Adm. Com.	As before advised, went into the Downs to water, and procure other necessaries, but the winds continuing northerly, made for Dover Road with the Nightingale and Drake; having obtained what he required, will sail with the first wind. The Bramble has run on board the Drake, and carried away the bowsprit and endangered her head; cannot impute any blame to the captain or company of the Drake, as they were on board and their ship at anchor. If she should sail before she is repaired, hopes they will appoint another to accompany her.	42
,, ,,	Thos. White, *Dover.*	,,	Is requested by Capt. Nixon to desire the release of his servant, Leonard Cheas, taken coming from Newcastle, and now prisoner at Dunkirk, by the exchange of Grandeo Dierus, a Spaniard, prisoner in Chelsea College.	43
,, ,,	,, ,,	Navy Comrs	Has fitted the John ketch, and she will be in the Downs to follow Capt. Whitehorne's order to day. The Hawk is also fitted for sea, and the Reserve is in Mardike Pitts.	44
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Wells.*	Adm. Com.	Has been lying off Wells since 30th March through contrary winds, as have also 20 salt ships, bound for Iceland, some of whom have not yet had all their lading of salt from Yarmouth; when that arrives, they will join the fleet with Capt. Thompson. Will remain on the coast until they have come out.	45
,, ,,	Capt. John Woolters, *Nonsuch, Plymouth Sound.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Convoyed 17 sail for the west from Portsmouth to Plymouth Sound, by order of Commissioner Willoughby, and there being several vessels at Plymouth bound eastward, who cannot well ply to windward, will resail to night if weather permits.	46
,, 8	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order to allow to Nath. Martin, boatswain's mate, and Robt. Powell, late gunner's mate of the Naseby, the pay of boatswain and gunner of a 4th-rate frigate for the time they served on board the Spanish galleon, deducting such pay as they have received for their services in the Naseby during that time.	47
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Comrs	Order for 10 men to be added to the 40 on the Red Horse pink - - - - -	48
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for a bill of imprest to John Upton for 500*l.*, on account of some provisions to be bought by him for the navy.	49
,, ,,	Capt. Edw. Grove, *Roe ketch.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed the vessels to Yarmouth Roads, and has since been with some from Lynn, bound for the Iceland fishery, under Capt. Thompson's convoy; had 3 vessels from the Roads for Boston and 3 for Lynn, richly laden from London, and 2 light ones from Ipswich for Burnham, which have all safely arrived at their ports. There were 30 vessels in Lynn and Boston bound for Newcastle, and 5 or 6 for Yarmouth Roads and London; if the wind keeps easterly, will go with those bound northwards; and if westerly, with those bound southwards. Asks where to revictual, as he will be out on the 16th.	50

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1657. Apr. 8	Jno. Hoxton - -	Com^{r} Fras. Willoughby.	Desires their favour in obtaining payment of 40*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* due to Jno. Mathew, late purser of the Drake, for wages, which has been stopped by the Treasurer, on account of a double ticket having been presented by mistake. He is in great necessity, and has 3 suits of law depending.	Vol. 164. 51
,, ,,	Jno. Mathew - -	Major Robt. Thomson.	Begs consideration of what he has suffered through Mr. Hutchinson, the navy treasurer, who alleged that he was turned out of the Reserve about 2 tickets; answered at Whitehall in 1653, before Sir Hen. Vane and a full committee of the Admiralty Commissioners, and was then cleared, as is proved by certificate of Capt. Rob. Clarke, then commander of the frigate. Had leave to go to London to pass his accounts for a former voyage, as purser of the Drake, and not having dispatched his business, and the ship sailing, another was put in his place. Had a warrant as steward in the Heartsease, a Dutch prize, but the Treasurer wrote from Chatham against him, caused him to lose that employment, and put in one of his friends, who has never since passed an account, whereas he has passed all his accounts. But for him the State would have been wronged by the navy contractors of 300*l.*; has 3 suits at law, involving 3,000*l.*, which he cannot follow for want of the money which the Treasurer detains.	52
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Newbery, *Rochester*.	Robt. Blackborne.	As the Gloucester will not be ready to launch till the next tide, they intend rigging her meantime; the boatswain and carpenter cannot be spared to come up for their warrants, but hopes it will not be to their prejudice. Has examined Thos. Anneley, who came from the Commissioners, and find his abilities such that he must entertain him.	53
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston*, *Yarmouth Roads*.	Adm. Com.	Being still detained by winds, as his provisions will not hold out, desires order as to revictualling. Neither the Vulture nor Weymouth have arrived.	54
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth*, *Yarmouth Roads*.	,,	Reported his arrival with a fleet of London ships on 25th March, and on the 27th received order from Wm. Burton to convoy several for Hull, Tynemouth Haven, and the Frith. Set sail the 27th with them, but meeting with contrary winds and thick weather, was compelled to bear for the Roads, where he is still detained.	55
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham*.	Navy Com^{rs}	Received their warrant for fitting the Dunbar for sea, but there is not a word about remedy in taking away her over load and adding some things needed. Mr. Callis and Capt. Badiley master of attendance, should be sent down to view and agree upon what is to be done to her.	56
,, 9	Capt. Anth. Archer.	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Thanks for granting him the command of the frigate in the Forest; as he is about to stay with some friends near where she is being built, and it will save him the expense of a journey of 120 miles back for his commission, desires it may be made out and sealed up at once, but he not entered into pay until she is launched.	57
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich*.	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - -	58

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1657. Apr. 9	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Pearl, Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	Having received a letter from the governor of Hull, asking for a convoy for some ships, convoyed a fleet of richly laden merchantmen belonging to Hull, bound for the East Country, as far as the Scaw, in company with Capt. Allen, and then returned to the north coast, Capt. Allen going to his station at Leith.	Vol. 164. 59
,, ,,	,, ,,	Col. Robt. Clarke.	To the same effect. Desires order from the Commissioners for convoying in future; hopes he will not be blamed for leaving his station on this occasion without leave.	60
,, ,,	Capt. John Taylor -	Blackborne.	Has surveyed all the old boats about the yard, and valued them one with the other at 1*l.* each; as there are 36, and they are a daily charge in looking after them, they should be sold, as well as some Scotch boats and other old things.	61
,, 10	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to appoint Thos. Hampton minister of the Princess Maria, for the present expedition, with the usual allowances for self and servant.	62
	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send the examinations taken before them of Robt. Gurling, master, Christ. Thorne, boatswain, and Barth. Houlden, quarter-master, as to the loss of their ship, the William, hired by the State to carry stores to Jamaica, and taken in her passage out by a Dunkirk man-of-war off the Land's End. Think her loss was occasioned by the owners not supplying her with new sails, which were demanded before her setting forth on the voyage, or she might have outsailed her captors.	63–65
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Having no smiths about Chatham, has employed Mr. Loader to make the chains for the hulks and the Eagle; they will amount to 20 tons, besides the swivels; has agreed with him at 50*s.* per cwt. He has made the great anchors for the Naseby and Resolution; although they exceed the weight, desires they will pass the bill, it not being certain whether the former rates will hold.	66
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Plymouth.*	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, M.P., *Whitehall.*	Has desired the Nonsuch, at Plymouth, bound for the Downs, to take care of 25 vessels he has brought over from Morlaix, bound eastwards; and as they are very considerable, has also ordered the Griffin to go with him to the Isle of Wight; the vessel with the hemp is still at Plymouth. Intends coming in to clean and reset his masts.	67
,, ,,	Jonas Bonnar, *Sapphire, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Having given his life and strength in the service, and received many wounds, whereby his strength has much failed, asks 3 or 4 months' leave of absence, to go to London and to the Bath, and will then return to his charge as master of the Sapphire, or to any other employment, as they may think most convenient. With certificate of Generals Robt. Blake and E. Montague.	68, 69
,, 11	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell for 59*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*, and to Hen. Webley for 9*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, disbursed by them as Admiralty messengers.	70
,, ,,	Lieut.-Col. Elton, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Pickering has come in for necessaries, having, with Capt. Allen, safely convoyed the Holland ships to the Scaw, Allen returning to his station. The Hull merchants have entreated Capt. Pickering to give convoy to their ships bound for London. Has drawn a bill of exchange on them for 126*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*, for moneys disbursed for Capt. Holland's ship, and desires it may be paid.	71

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1657. Apr. 11	Capt. Mic. Nutton, the *Norwich, Leith Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has brought in a ship from Cromartie, with cables from Inverness, and some others. Is desired by General Monk, after victualling for 6 weeks, to convoy them to Queenborough, and then return to Leith for orders. Has received 3 small guns from Jno. Hall, collector of customs at Inverness, in exchange for 3 taken out of the prize at Amsterdam, and sends receipt. Wants powder.	Vol. 164. 72, 73
,, ,,	Thos. White, and 8 other masters of ships bound for *Leith.*	,,	Petition for the appointment of a convoy for their ships in the Thames, laden with merchant goods for Leith, it being dangerous to set forth without one. Noted that as Capt. Nutton is coming to Queenborough, he is to convoy these ships to Leith.	74
,, 12	Benj. Brewer, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Went to Portsmouth with Mr. Tippetts and his assistant, to view the work carried on at the docks. Found it not so well as it might have been; if the North Wharf had been placed at first, and then the work to the wake of the gates, one dam would have been turned at once, and given greater security; the gates not being fit for their intended use, directed the shifting of 12 pieces of timber, at which the men took offence, and alleged he had come down to overthrow the work. Thinks, however, the work will now be completed to their satisfaction; Mr. Tippetts is supplying clay and all that is necessary. Hopes they will consider his care and charge therein.	75
,, 13	Capt. Anth. Archer,	Adm. Com.	Desires an order for employing more hands in building the frigate in the Forest, or it will not be launched for 4 months.	76
,, ,,	Edw. Gittings -	Major Beck, Navy Com^{r}	Recommends Mr. Clement for the place of carpenter on board one of the State's ships - -	77
,, ,,	John Greene, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Account of ships at Deptford preparing for sea, with the time they have been in rigging wages, and the number of men entered on each.	78
,, ,,	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has been detained by the easterly winds, but will endeavour to get in his water and ballast, and an able man, and sail the first opportunity.	79
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, the Roads.*	,,	Is ready to take in a month's provisions, the weather being fair; was informed by Major Burton they intended sending someone to release him while victualling.	80
,, 14	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to appoint boatswains to the 6 small vessels building at Deptford, Woolwich, and Chatham, and send their names, that orders may be signed for settling them on the vessels.	81
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for bills of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 3,500*l.* a week for two weeks, from the determination of the last order for 3,500*l.* a week for 4 weeks to Capt. Thos. Alderne, for carrying on the victualling affairs, on orders from Majors Thomson and Bourne and Mr. Willoughby.	82
,, ,,	Capt. John Baskett, *Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Remained with General Blake a week, but the Phœnix being much disabled, was ordered home with her; having but 6 weeks' victuals, desires order to revictual, wash, and tallow.	83

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1657. Apr. 14	John Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The Tiger, Elizabeth, and Fame having come in requiring boats, wants some sent down; will supply other necessaries.	Vol. 164. 84
" "	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Elizabeth, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in from Harwich as ordered, and Messrs. Grassingham and Browne have promised their assistance in getting his frigate tallowed this tide, which being done, and his provisions on board, he will hasten to his station.	85
" "	Capt. J. Grymesditch, *Princess Maria, Margate Road.*	"	Sailed from the Hope to the buoy of the Nore, and waited for the Exchange, but she not arriving, made for Margate Roads, and will stay for her.	86
" "	Officers of the *Sapphire frigate.*	"	Examinations of Jonas Bonnar, master, and the other officers, taken before a Council of War held on board the Gainsborough, as to the embezzlement of stores by Robt. Ware, master's mate, and Peter Reeves, boatswain; as also as to libellous words spoken against Capt. Clay by Alex. Taprell, the surgeon. With the sentence of the Court that Ware be put into the bilboes, ducked 3 times, and then carried on shore to Plymouth by a guard, and conducted through the town with a drum beating before him, and a paper upon his hat, signifying his offence, and then discharged with a fair ticket for his pay while on board; that Taprell be ducked and cashiered, and left to Capt. Clay whether he shall have a ticket for his pay or not; that Reeves be dismissed the service, and his ticket for his pay withheld until he has perfected his accounts; and that Bonnar, in regard of his age and infirmities, be discharged and allowed to go to London, according to his own request made to the Council while sitting, which is annexed.	87, 88
" "	Ordnance officers -	"	Certified that 153 barrels of unserviceable powder were delivered to Geo. Bowerman, at 21 barrels to the score, whereby he became chargeable, after waste deducted, for 145 barrels, for which he was to have 17*s.* a barrel when returned good, amounting to 123*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.*; but, as he has as yet only delivered a portion, there is only 59*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.* due to him.	89
" "	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Humber.*	"	Intended furnishing himself with wood and water at Scarborough or Bridlington, but the wind continuing easterly, was forced into the Humber. Has been directed by the governor of Hull to convoy some ships for London, and will do so when the weather permits, and ply upon his station meanwhile.	90
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	"	Recommends Joseph Riggs for the command of one of the new frigates building at Chatham. They will be launched next week, and may soon sail, if commanders and men are appointed.	91
" "	Jos. Riggs - -	"	Petition to be employed on one of the said frigates; has served 6 years as master of vessels trading to Guernsey, Jersey, and the West country. With certificate of John Browne in his favour.	92

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1657. Apr. 15	Vice-Adm. Rich. Badiley, *Wapping.*	[Adm. Comrs.]	Not being well enough to attend them, sends his thoughts in writing. As to the pains taken by Thos. Thorne in translating Spanish letters, manifests, and bills of lading, in his last voyage, cannot judge of labour of that kind, but thinks the least he ought to have is 20 marks. With order by the Admiralty Commissioners for a bill to be drawn accordingly. 23 April.	Vol. 164. 93, 94
,, ,,	Col. W. Sydenham	Col. Clarke.	Begs his endeavours to get Mr. Rawlins employed as captain of a small vessel, or master of a large ship.	95
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor	[Adm. Com.]	Account of timber required for the stores at Chatham from Dean Forest	96
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Phœnix and Wakefield having arrived at Spithead, desires order as to their coming in to be cleaned and repaired. Capt. Whitstone has gone for London.	97
,, 16	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the officers and company of the Pembroke, reserving 3 months in hand	98
,, ,,	,,	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for the speedy refitting the Pembroke at Woolwich, and victualling her for 3 months, for service in the Channel.	99
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Leith Road.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed the Eastland ships belonging to Hull and Newcastle as far as the Scaw, as also some from the Frith for the Sound, and is now waiting for those coming over. Asks where to clean and victual, having been off the ground since last Dec.; cannot do it at Leith without danger, the ground being so infirm that it will break the timbers. On the last occasion after cleaning there, had to go to Chatham to stop some leaks. Has written to his friend to pay the 30*l.* to Robt. Blackborne for Mistress Burrows, and will dispose of what else is on board belonging to her husband as they shall order.	100
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Badiley	Navy Com^{rs}	Recommends Robt. Colman and Thos. King as boatswains in the new frigates building at Woolwich.	101
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Repair of ships	102
,, ,,	Capt. J. Grymesditch, *Princess Maria, Downs.*	,,	Has arrived with the Exchange in the Downs, and the first fair wind will sail southward	103
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Yarmouth Roads.*	,,	Will sail this tide as convoy to the Iceland fleet	104
,, 17	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to appoint carpenters to six small vessels named, building at Deptford, Woolwich, and Chatham, and send a note of their names, so that their orders may be signed. With notes of the men appointed.	105

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1657. Apr. 17	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Lizard frigate.*	Adm. Com.	After prosecuting his Excellency's order at Kinsale, received a letter from Gen. Penn's lady to transport her to Bristol; but the wind continuing easterly, was detained there until the arrival of the Basing, and her ladyship resolved to go in her. Proceeded to his station between Padstow and the Crow, and remained there until forced into the harbour by the weather. Will return to his station.	Vol. 164. 106
" "	Capt. Wm. Godfrey, *Marmaduke, Kinsale.*	"	Fitted his ship with sails, &c., and a month's provisions, hoping ere this to have been in the Downs, but the wind having continued easterly the last fortnight, must take in another month's victuals. The Adam and Eve, commanded by Capt. Coppen, arrived after loss of her rudder and many other difficulties, and desired assistance; has advanced Capt. Coppen 15*l.*, and engaged for his necessaries.	107
" "	Capt. N. Heaton, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	When last at sea, ranged 70 leagues to the westward, and then plied across the Channel, but did not meet with a chase. Examined the officers and company of the Sapphire, as ordered, which took up the whole day and a greater part of the night, although he called to his assistance several officers. The surgeon and one of the master's mates were judged to be ducked, &c., for many miscarriages; the boatswain was thought unfit to be continued any longer, as he could give no account of his stores, and had not posted them for 4 years, and it was found that a cable, hawser, mainsail, &c., were wanting, besides his breach of orders and commands. The master is also displaced (although he made a request for 3 months' absence, through age and infirmity) on account of his loose carriage in suffering the officers and company to abuse each other. Was commanded to send up the examinations in full, but if they had been taken with all the circumstances, many sheets of paper must have been used. Has put in the master of the Fagons as master on board the Sapphire, and Abr. Potter, boatswain of the Griffin, as boatswain; if approved, desires their warrants. Will dispose of the ships in port so that they may protect trade and annoy the enemy. There is much foul weather, and the wind is still southerly.	108
" "	Capt. Thos. Marryott, *Limehouse.*	Adm. Com.	Asks payment of the wages due to him while in the Dunbar, being in great distress, and much pressed by his creditors. Hopes to be able to give them satisfaction as to the gunner having received the 10 barrels of powder from Mr. Powell at Bristol; it was brought on board the Discovery in her long boat. Could not go to trial with his action last term for want of money, and unless they stand his friends, nothing will be done this term.	109
" "	Wm. Pulmer, *Elmstead.*	Major-Gen. Thos. Kelsey.	In order to his kindness offered, has prepared the enclosed letter for his friend at the Admiralty, who has some interest at Coventry; as Mr. Lisle, of Coventry, to whom it is to be sent, is a stranger to him, desires he will get it signed. Called at his lodgings in London, but heard he was gone to the Parliament, and was glad to find he was in a condition to walk abroad; hopes, at his leisure, he will avail himself of the Elmstead air, where the singing of the birds will add something to the removal of anything that ill afflicts him, besides the free welcome he will receive.	110
" "	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Desire the warrants sent down for boatswains named appointed for the 2 small vessels building at Chatham, the 2 at Woolwich, and 2 at Deptford.	111

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1657. Apr. 17	Ordnance officers -	Adm. Com.	The gunners of the State's ships have long been supplied with large quantities of canvas, paper, needles, thread, &c., for making and fitting up cartridges for the guns on board their ships when at sea, and have, on their return, under pretence of some small expenditure thereof, converted a great part to their own use, whereby the State has been considerably abused in their stores, and the ordnance officers bereft of any clear way of reconciling or putting a sufficient check upon such accounts. As they cost the State between 13 and 1400*l.* a year, have resolved from henceforth to deliver out cartridges ready made, according to the number of guns borne by each ship, whereby the State will save the charge of paper, which at sea grows spongy and rotten, as also the charge of starch, needles, and thread, amounting to 600*l.* a year. Have contracted with Danl. Prigg to deliver as many cartridges as required by 24th June next, at from 3*d.* to 4*d.* each, but the certain number and the time should be ascertained; the contractor craves a settlement of the business for 3 years, and this is reasonable, as the commodity made will be fit for no other use.	Vol. 164. 112
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	As they have not sufficient guns to furnish the 8 small vessels on the stocks, which will be launched in a few days, desire order to purchase them; the cost will not exceed 100*l.*, there being a few in the stores, as also 2 brass 3-pounders in the custody of Commissary Knight at Windsor Castle, which were brought from Wallingford.	113
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Sanders, *Torrington, Tilbury Hope.*	,,	Having careened, got his powder on board, and increased his company from 130 to 150, wishes the wind would change westerly, so as to bring a fleet of colliers down, when he would make for the Downs.	114
,, ,,	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	,,	Recommends Edw. Whallesbye for a boatswain's place in one of 2 small frigates building at Deptford, he having been rigging ships for the last 5 years.	115
,, ,,	Wm. Watts - -	,,	Petition for an order for payment of the balance of the freight due on contract for the hire of the William, of which he is owner, to carry provisions to Jamaica at 4*l.* 10*s.* a ton, amounting to 1,291*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.*, and of which he has received 488*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.*, and might have received the remainder had the convoy appointed him by the State performed their part. The Bristol was appointed in the first instance to go as convoy, but after waiting for her 5 weeks, the commander-in-chief called her off to other service on the coast of Spain; the Fagon was then ordered to convoy him, but she having only just come in from sea, and her men not paid off, she only convoyed the William 80 leagues from the Land's End, and then left her, although they fell foul of a man-of-war the night before; 2 hours after the Fagon had left, a Dunkirker came up, and although they resisted until next day, the William was overcome and carried to Dunkirk. Has performed his part, and the failure has been on the other side, but out of modesty and honour to the State, has not hitherto importuned for the remainder of the freight, which, with the loss of his vessel, will amount to 1,500*l.* With affidavits of Robt. Gurling, commander, and Thos. Drury, master's mate of the William, attributing her loss to the causes before described; as also of Jno. Harris, sailmaker, of Tower Wharf, London, that he supplied her with sufficient sails for a much longer voyage.	116–119

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1657. Apr. 17	Comr. F. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a survey by Fras. Lucas, Wm. Beard, and Thos. Rowly, of the defects of the Mathias, just arrived from Jamaica with Vice-Adm. Goodson, who is ill. She left the island 11 weeks since, and the inhabitants were then in good health. As she is in a very bad condition, and her men weak, will order her into harbour, and if they will signify their pleasure as to paying them, the money in hand for the yard may suffice. Will hasten out the Phœnix and Wakefield.	Vol. 164. 120, 121
„ 18	Capt. Fras. Parke, *Portsmouth.*	„	Has just arrived from Jamaica with Adm. Goodson, after great difficulties, and has been ordered by Comr. Willoughby to bring his ship into harbour.	Vol. 165. 1
„ „	Aug. Aldridge, *Lydney, Dean Forest.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Hopes they received his letter with Major Wade's certificate, and will let him have some money and orders; will else be blamed for neglect in the felling, converting, and shipping timber, when he is free from it.	2
„ „	Capt. Jno. Baskett, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in from Spithead to refit, and will then proceed to his station, and as there are several vessels bound for the west who desire a convoy, will take them with him.	3
„ „	Manley Callis, Jonas Shish, *Deptford.*	„	Recommend Edw. Cheseman as master carpenter in either of the small frigates building at Deptford; he was carpenter's mate in the James, under Gen. Blake, in the engagements against the Hollanders, as also in the Paradox and Nicodemus, and has been lately employed in the yard at Deptford.	4
„ „	„ „	„	Recommend William Rumney, who served in the Wren pink, as also in the yard at Deptford, for similar employment.	5
„ „	Capt. Rich. Hodges, the *Basing.*	„	After convoying the Plain Dealing on her way to Jamaica, put into Kinsale to water, transported General Penn's lady from Ireland, and will now retnrn to his station and call at Milford for orders. Has not met with any pickeroons, but expects them daily, it being the time of year for them to be abroad.	6
„ „	Christ. Pett, and 2 others.	„	Recommend Oliver Jarvis as carpenter in one of the small vessels building at Woolwich, he having served as carpenter's mate in the Worcester and Waterhound.	7
„ „	Christ. Pett, Saml. Raven.	„	Recommend Wm. Wright for similar employment, he having served the State 12 years - -	8
„ „	Thos. Rabenett, and 3 others.	„	Recommend Thos. Attawell as boatswain in one of the new ketches built by Capt. Taylor, he having served the State 14 years, and been in several engagements with the Hollanders. With certificate of Capt. Robt. Saunders.	9, 10
„ „	„ „	„	Recommend Thos. Saywell for similar employment, he having served in the Nonsuch and in the engagements against the Dutch.	11

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1657. Apr. 18	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from Yarmouth Roads with the Amity and several ships for Hull and the Firth; the wind turning easterly, ordered Capt. Packe to take charge of the Hull ships, and see them to the Humber, and then ply on his station; sailed himself with those for the Firth, and then returned to his station, when he again met the Amity. Has had many applications from the merchants and masters of Hull to convoy their ships trading between there and the Thames, but having no order, would not do it. Having many sick men on board, put several of them on shore at Scarborough, where they have been entertained, but the town now refuse to take any more, either from him or Capt. Packe; desires order may be given to have some respect to men in such a condition.	Vol. 165. 12
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	The Phœnix and Wakefield have come in for repairs. Vice-Admiral Goodson has gone for London. Would like to know how the great business passes between Westminster and Whitehall.	13
„ 19	Capt. Thos. Large, *Lark, Spithead.*	„	Proceeded to his station as ordered, and after cruising about, chased a small frigate, which made for Guernsey, where he came up with her, and found she was bound for St. Malo; as he could not return on account of a storm, put into Guernsey. Hearing that Capt. Shelley of the Guinea was at St. Malo, convoyed some vessels bound there, and was then ordered by him to convoy over several vessels bound for English ports as far as Guernsey, and he would join them at Jersey. After waiting for him 9 days, received a certificate of 4 merchants and 10 masters of 18 ships brought over, as to the loss and inconvenience they had sustained by waiting for Capt. Shelley, and they agreed to accept the Lark as a sufficient convoy, and to be bound by his orders and directions; saw them safe to their several ports. There are 3 at Spithead, bound for London, waiting for a convoy, but having spent his main topmast in chasing a vessel, will not be ready to sail before to-morrow.	14, 15
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *Preston, at Sea, amongst the Fishery.*	„	Capt. Curle, of the Sparrow, having been taken ill, resolved to go on shore at Newcastle or Leith, and to leave his master in charge of the pink, but having slightly recovered, he is still with the fishery; hopes he will continue, as he will be very active. Left an anchor and part of a cable behind near Yarmouth; has sent an account thereof to Mr. Burton.	16
„ 20	Capt. Ben. Blake, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Dunbar being launched, will use all expedition to get in her ballast and provisions; the purser has gone to London to hasten them down. Wants a chaplain and a fresh warrant for his lieutenant, and if a ketch is to be allowed, would like Mr. Parker's.	17
„ „	Capt. Robt. Colman and 3 others, the *Elizabeth, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Being in want of a chaplain recommend Phil. Peck, late of the Fame, having had some experience of him, as one of sound doctrine and a godly life.	18
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	„	Will launch the 2 small vessels to-morrow, and name them as ordered. Recommends Oliver Jarvis and Wm. Right for the place of carpenters.	18*a*

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1657. Apr. 20	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Has launched the 2 little vessels built by Capt. Taylor, as also the Dunbar and Gloucester; as they will soon be rigged, desires their victuals may be sent down, as also their names. Wants orders as to appointing carpenters and gunners, and a warrant touching the Scotch boats.	Vol. 165. 19
" "	" "	"	To the same effect. Sends some papers relating to the boatswain, gunner, and carpenter of the Gloucester, and desires their warrants may be renewed and sent down. With certificate by Capt. Ben. Blake for Rich. Leake as gunner.	20, 21
" "	Thos. Russell - -	"	Petition for the command of one of the new ships building at Deptford, or any other bound for the West Indies. With certificate by Capt. Robt. Martin.	22, 23
" "	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	"	Has launched the 2 small frigates, and desires their names, as also warrants for their carpenters. They will be ready to sail as soon as fitted with men and meat.	24
" "	" "	Navy Com^{rs}	Has launched the Dunbar and the 2 new vessels, and if the same haste is made by others to fit and victual them, they may go to sea next Friday. Asks when the victuals will be down, as they have yet to be tallowed.	25
" "	Thos. Turner - -	—	Note of the appointment of carpenters for 4 ships - - - - - -	26
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is in hand with the tallowing of the Wakefield, and will give order for her victualling. The Lark has arrived with several vessels from St. Malo, laden with linen and hemp for the stores at London, where Noyals canvas is much wanted, and the Wakefield can convoy them to the Downs if ordered; being rich, they are unwilling to sail without a convoy. Money is much wanted to pay for the keep of prisoners, to defray bills for cordage, and for carrying some plate to London; is much solicited for money, as he agreed to pay within 3 months and it is now 5; hopes they will not let the State's and his own credit suffer, it being good husbandry to draw trade to Portsmouth as much as may be. Has bought 20 tons of French hemp at 39*s.* per cwt., and having the offer of 10 tons of cordage, half rise hemp and the other half Flemish yarn at 44*s.*, desires order as to purchasing it. Will pay off the Mathias, which is in harbour, to-morrow.	27
" 21	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to place gunners and cooks on the small vessels lately built at Chatham, Deptford, and Woolwich, and return their names, that their warrants may be made out. With note of 3 cooks having already been appointed.	28
" "	" - -	"	Order for bills of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the victualling office, for 3,000*l.* a week for 2 weeks, to commence after the last order, to be issued by him for carrying on the victualling affairs, according to orders from Majors Thomson and Bourne and Mr. Willoughby.	29
" "	" - -	"	Order for a bill for 100*l.*, to be divided equally between Lieut.-Col. Fras. White, Major John Miller, and Capt. Edw. Allen, for their trouble in making a survey of all the ordnance, ammunition, &c., in the ordnance stores, and for returning an account thereof upon parchment, under their respective hands and seals.	30

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1657. Apr. 21	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order for paying the wages due to the officers and company of the Mathias, lately returned from the West Indies.	Vol. 165. 31
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Elizabeth, Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	While going to Iceland to convoy home the fleet, boarded a Hollander bound from Lynn to Rotterdam, and finding 300*l.* worth of prohibited tallow, and divers other goods not mentioned in the cocket, sent her to Yarmouth. The merchants at Norwich and Lynn, taking advantage of his absence, cleared all their barrels of tallow as decayed butter, as also other goods not mentioned in their cockets, and also charged some of his company with stealing some stockings of the value of 100*l.*, and upon his coming home, they arrested him for it, notwithstanding his innocence, being absent. Having found out some of the plunderers, desires that the pay due to them upon their tickets may be stopped for his use, so that justice may be done, and some of the burden taken from off his shoulders.	32
,, ,,	Lieut. - Col. Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Sends the petition of John Hide, late master of the Jonas of Hull. There are 13 ships at the mouth of the Humber, bound for Holland or London. Capt. Pickering will convoy the latter to the Thames with the first wind. With the petition of Hide and others, stating that while on a voyage from Newcastle to Rotterdam, they were taken by an Ostend man-of-war, and carried to Ostend, where they are now confined close prisoners, suffering great straits and very hard usage, and as there are several Ostend prisoners in London, they beg their enlargement by exchange.	33, 34
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Pearl, Grimsby Road.*	,,	Has been plying on his station, and convoyed 80 sail of colliers to Yarmouth Roads, and a fleet to the northwards. Having received notice from the governor of Hull to convoy 13 merchantmen bound to London with lead, &c., is riding with them in Grimsby Road, and will sail with the first wind.	35
,, ,,	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Thos. Turner.	As there was a mistake in the name of the surgeon of the Satisfaction, returns the bill for 30*s.*, and desires another for Edw. Robinson, who so served for 6 months.	36
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Plymouth.*	Capt. Hen. Hatsell.	Has tallowed and got in his masts, and hopes to sail next week. Desires a warrant for his minister, who is a good man, but has been much maligned.	37
,, ,,	Capt. Gab. Sanders, *Tiger, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has tallowed and mounted his guns, and if his provisions arrive from Ipswich, will sail to his former station in 3 days.	38
,, 22	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to hire a ketch to attend the London in her present expedition - - - -	39
,, ,,	Capt. J. Grymsditch, *Princess Maria, Downs.*	[Adm. Comrs.]	Will sail with the Exchange the next tide, but without his purser, he being detained passing his accounts with Mr. Sprigg, although he had given constant attendance for some time.	40
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Robinson the *Preston, off Orkney Island.*	,,	Is still attending the fishing fleet, with the Sparrow, whose captain has been sick ever since he came out; there has been very bad fishing.	41

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1657. Apr. 22	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Harwich Water.*	[Adm. Comrs.]	Those at Landguard Fort refuse to exchange his 15 barrels of decayed powder without order, and allege that what they have is no better, having been there ever since the wars with the Dutch. Having taken in most of his provisions, will return to his station.	Vol. 165. 42
„ 23	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order for a bill to Major Nehemiah Bourne for 400*l.*, on account of the salary of his brother, Rear-Adm. John Bourne, now with the fleet on the coast of Spain.	43
„ „	Capt. Peter Bowen, *Mayflower, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying about his station off the Land's End. Convoyed the vessel with the Countess of Cork to Milford Haven, has cleaned and victualled, and will now return to his station.	44
„ „	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch, Lee.*	„	Has been plying on his station, and convoying vessels to Yarmouth and the Thames. Desires a supply of tickets, having used all he had for sick men and other accidents.	45
„ „	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, off Lee.*	„	Has convoyed several vessels down the Swinn, as also for Yarmouth, Lynn, Hull, and London, and been plying on his station with Capt. Country. Having but 5 days' provisions left, will wait at Harwich for orders.	46
„ „	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	The Elizabeth and 3 others are tallowed and taking in their provisions, and will soon be ready for sea.	47
„ „	Capt. Robt. Mackey, the *Yarmouth, Downs.*	„	Sent an account as to how the prisoners were disposed of; will return to his station to-day. Has received several other letters from the seamen, since the Commissioners have been in the Downs, and has sent them to Capt. Whitehorne.	48
„ „	Capt. Thos. Marryott, *Limehouse.*	„	Hopes they will consider his sad condition and order payment of his wages, stopped for some cause by the treasurer. Has neither money nor credit, owes 16*l.* for rent, and cannot prosecute his suit at law for lack of money. Did not embezzle any powder; Thos. Shewell, late boatswain of the Discovery, knows that the gunner of that ship had 10 barrels, and as Shewell is now staying in London, he would affirm as much, although not swear to it, as he has lately turned a Quaker. With note by Rich. Tyler, undertaking to deliver to Capt. Marryott any wages he may receive from the treasurer on his behalf, after deducting what is due to him on his bond.	49, 50
„ „	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Pearl, Alfordness.*	„	Convoyed 16 merchantmen bound for France and London from Hull to the Ness, by order of the governor of Hull, and is now plying to his station.	51
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, *Essex, Downs.*	Navy Comrs	Apologises for not giving an account earlier of the distribution of a quantity of stores sent down. All our frigates on the other side are in good plight, but little action there.	52
„ „	„ „	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires he will deliver letters enclosed for the Admiralty Commissioners and Capt. Desborow, the latter relating to the disposal of some Spanish letters received from Capt. Mackey.	53

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1657. Apr. 23	Capt. Giles Shelley, *Guinea, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed 18 small vessels of Southampton from Cowes Road to Guernsey, and while Dr. Cartwright was preparing, went with some bound for St. Malo, and lay off there and at Cape Feroll for several days, returning in company with the Lark and several merchantmen. Hears from Capt. Lardge that Dr. Cartwright and his family sailed during his absence and safely arrived.	Vol. 165. 54
„ 24	„ „	„	Has been convoying vessels from Hampton to Guernsey, Jersey, and St. Malo. While lying off that town, was importuned by some masters of ships to give them convoy, but the Lark being also there, bound for Guernsey, advised them to keep her company there, and when he had been to Jersey, he would call for them, which he did, but they had sailed three days before. It is common with some masters, if you do not throw aside all other orders and comply with their sudden desires, to write and speak evil of men in his place; Dr. Cartwright can give a further account of that business.	55
„ „	Robt. Blackborne -	Thos. Turner.	Recommends Meredith Price for a cook's place, as he has long attended upon the Admiralty Commissioners to obtain one.	56
„ „	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Dublin Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed a vessel from Limerick to Galway, and then to Kinsale, where he tallowed and victualled; then took in Justice Cook at Duncannon, and transported him to Minehead. Desires order to go to Plymouth or Milford for a new mast.	57
„ „	Capt. Wm. Godfrey, *Marmaduke, Spithead.*	„	Coming from Kinsale, met Capts. Wise and Clapp in the Channel, with two merchantmen from Smyrna, laden with silks and yarns, valued at 160,000*l.*, and as they put themselves under his protection, will see them safe to the Downs. Supplied the Adam and Eve at Ireland with some necessaries; as his own ship is very defective, desires order to go into dock.	58
„ „	Capt. Godfry Reader, *Eaglet ketch, Blackwall.*	„	Has brought the Spanish prize from the Downs, and having 26 prisoners on board, desires order how to dispose of them. With lists by Hen. Champlyn, marshall, of 139 prisoners, chiefly foreign, in the castle at Plymouth.	59–61
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Dirt Sound, Floss of Orkney.*	„	Has safely arrived with 54 fishing boats from the Yarmouth Roads and Wells, and being now free from the greatest danger, has discharged Capt. Wilkinson, of the Weymouth, who is taking in guns for Leith.	62
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	The Marmaduke having arrived with two ships of great value from Smyrna, and being defective, desires order as to docking her; will want money to pay her off. Has paid the Mathias, and if money comes down this week, will pay the yard. Being solicited by 20 or 30 masters of small vessels bound westward to appoint a convoy to attend them, as the Guinea and Capt. Lardge are going out, will appoint one of them, and the Wakefield to go to the Downs.	63

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1657. Apr. 25 ,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends an account by John Tippetts of work executed on the Phœnix, as also of other work in hand. Directed Capts. Baskett or Taylor to convoy all the St. Malo ships to the Downs, and Capt. Lardge to convoy 40 others bound westward as far as Plymouth. Was in hopes of a supply of money by the wagons, to pay off the yard, so that the clerks might have gone home. Will endeavour to procure some cordage, but the last he agreed to pay for at 3 months has now been owing 5 ; it is better to give 43*s.* per cwt. at Portsmouth than 44*s.* elsewhere, and the State to be at the charge of freights to that place. As there was 300*l.* imprested for the dock 6 weeks since and nothing yet paid, the man is under great discouragement, and may throw up the bargain ; desires he may have it next week, so that the credit of the officers may not further suffer. There is great need for the erection of a house to tar yarn, as at other ropeyards, the present one being too little and dangerous. It was estimated to cost 220*l.*; desires order may be given for it, or the great charge they have been at about the rope field will be as thrown away. With order from the Admiralty Commissioners for its building, 28 April.	Vol. 165. 64–66
,, ,,	Capt. Jas. Strutt, *Half Moon, Hastings.*	,,	Arrived opposite Rye and Hastings on the 23rd instant, and gave notice thereof. Has only found 21 mackarel fishermen, as those of Brighthelmston are gone to fish at the North Foreland, and there are none about Newhaven or Pevensey. Has not heard of or seen any Dunkirk men-of-war.	67
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for supplying 6 ships named, of 6 guns and 40 men each, with 6 weeks' provisions, or as much thereof as they can take in.	68
,, ,,	Capt. J. Grymesditch, *Princess Maria, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from the Downs on the 23rd with the Exchange, but the wind having shortened, has put into the Sound to change an anchor, which is too light, and to receive some carpenters and gunners' stores left behind at Woolwich.	69
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Haddock, *Dragon, Nore.*	,,	Sailed out of the River Elbe on the 19th inst., with 15 vessels bound for England, 10 of which parted company northwards of the Vlie for Hull and Newcastle ; has now arrived with the remainder, two of which are laden by Mr. Cambridge with hemp and tar for the State.	70
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Newbery, *Rochester.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has refitted, is ready to take in the beer, and will endeavour to be in the Hope next week. Having only 60 men, good and bad, wants a press warrant sent to Commissioner Pett, as men are not to be got by invitation. There is something against Mr. Leake, his gunner; begs favor for him, as he is a civil and able man; but if he is dismissed, hopes John Morgan, late lieutenant of the Dover, and now a reformado there, may have the place ; he was gunner of the Laurel and Susan.	71

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1657. Apr. 25	Capt. Hen. Powell, *Portland, the Lap.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed several vessels from Harwich to the Yarmouth Roads, and then sent a letter on shore to Mr. Burton, respecting the Star. Resailed with her and 49 others bound for Norway, where most of them got into harbour, but himself and the Zaphania, bound for the Eastland, were forced into the Port of Marda. After being detained several days, sailed with Mr. Parker, and has now come to anchor in the Lap. Has no news what ships will be ready in the Sound for his convoy homeward, but expects to hear when there, and those he brought over expect him to see them back.	Vol. 165. 72
,, 26	Capt. Robt. Sanders, *Torrington, Downs.*	,,	Was long delayed in Tilbury Hope and at Longsand Head by contrary winds, but is now ready to follow orders, being fully manned.	73
,, ,,	Capt. Gabriel Sanders, *Tiger, Harwich.*	,,	Will follow their orders as soon as he is dispatched by the victualler; wants beer and water casks, and the hoy with the powder for all the frigates has not yet arrived. Perceiving they have been informed of the miscarriages of some of his men at Ipswich, arising from the badness of the bread and beer, sends two papers he received from them thereon, by which it will be seen that, upon arriving at Harwich, 3 of his company, together with the quarter-master, went to the victualler to complain, who thereupon sent for the baker and the brewer, and made it appear that he paid 12*s.* a cwt. for the bread and 1*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* a tun for the beer. The victualler and brewer were very civil, but the baker called them mutinous rogues, said that it was too good for them or their betters, and that if they were at Jamaica, they would be glad of the worst bit of it, and should have worse next time. On their return to the ship, they and the rest of the company were so exasperated that next day 40 of them, unknown to him, went to the baker, and he being out, they committed some disorders, for which they shall be punished, although he cannot blame them for their just complaints. Had their Honors seen and tasted the bread and beer, they would have considered it not fit to eat or drink; never saw worse sent to sea, as will be proved by Capts. Wright and Sansum, and other commanders, who victualled at that place; 1 cwt. of bread received at London, Portsmouth, or Plymouth, is better than 2 cwt. here, and the like of the beer.	74–76
,, 27	Capt. Danl. Baker, *Ipswich.*	,,	Has delivered up the Morning Star of Amsterdam, as also all the Spanish papers and writings found to the Sub-commissioners, Hen. White and Capt. Gething. Could not get anyone on board to admit they had any Spanish goods, or had any interest therein, or that the value was above 16,000 dollars, but the Spanish bill of lading and other writings found hid in the gun room contradicted them.	77
,, ,,	John Brown, Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Navy Comrs	Arranged with Robt. Keeble and Thos. Gylls for discovery of the wreck, and they have been successful, having buoyed her anchor, and have hopes of recovering her cables, guns, and shot. Capt. Country being in the Rolling grounds, have desired him to assist them; have sent up Gylls for the Dover hoy.	78

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1657. Apr. 27	J. Dickinson, Mayor of *York*.	John Clarke, Navy Comr	Sends a letter from Ostend, desiring the exchange of Capt. Nich. Cartone and his two boys, and 4 other natives of Ostend, who were taken prisoners at sea and are confined in York Castle, for Joseph, Jeremy, and Thos. Waller, Thos. Moore, and Wm. Pinchback, who were taken in a collier belonging to Boston, and are confined in Ostend. Our men were Boston colliers, and by the loss of their ship and goods, valued at 1000*l*., will be ruined; hopes he will endeavour to procure their release.	Vol. 165. 79, 80
" "	Capt. N. Heaton, *Plymouth*.	Robt. Blackborne.	Received the press warrant, and will do his best. Sends the examinations respecting the purser of the Sorlings; thinks the worst gaol keeper in London had a better life than Capt. Clay had while at sea, and his surgeon, instead of cordials, made use of corrosives, by carrying tales from man to man, yet so that his captain could charge him with nothing; he denied all, until honest men upon oath made his villany appear to his face. Wishes the [Barber surgeons'] Hall had forborne to put such into the State's service. Particulars of ships.	81
" "	Ordnance officers -	Navy Comrs	Have appointed two of their clerks to peruse the accounts, with reference to the charge of guns lately received from Jamaica.	82
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth*.	"	The Nonsuch has arrived; will give her all possible dispatch; the Wakefield has sailed for the Downs.	83
" 28	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order for a bill of imprest to Major Wm. Burton for 500*l*., on account for his contract for cordage.	84
" "	" - -	"	Order for a bill of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen for 1,000*l*., and another for 3,000*l*., for victualling.	85
" "	Capt. Jno. Baskett, *Wakefield, Downs*.	Adm. Com.	Has safely arrived from Portsmouth with 14 ships under convoy, and will apply to Capt. Whitehorne for orders.	86
" "	James Blackborne, Deputy Comptroller, *Plymouth*.	—	Inventory of a man-of-war called The Three Kings, commanded by Capt. Jas. Smith, taken by Capt. Rob. Clay, of the Sapphire, and brought into Plymouth.	87
" "	Capt. Robt. Clay, *Sapphire, Plymouth Sound*.	Robt. Blackborne.	Being straightened for time, must refer him to Capt. Hatsell for account of his proceedings since he last sailed, as also of the taking of Capt. Smith and Meldrum in a new frigate, which he has now brought in.	88
" "	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Elizabeth, Harwich*.	Adm. Com.	Will sail to the commander-in-chief in the Downs as ordered, as soon as his long boat and powder arrive.	89
" "	Jas. Disbrowe, S. Clarke, *Prize Office, Coleman St., London*.	"	Recommend a warehousekeeper at 30*l*. per annum, and 4 watchmen at 1*s*. a night and 1*d*. each for a candle, in the room of others dismissed for negligence.	90

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1657.				Vol. 165.
Apr. 28	Lieut.-Col. Elton, *Hull.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Gave the Admiralty Commissioners' order to the poor women whose husbands are prisoners in Dunkirk, and is desired to thank them for their kindness in giving them relief.	91
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Haddock, *Dragon, Nore.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail to the commander-in-chief in the Downs as soon as the pilot comes on board - -	92
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Ledgant, *Elias, Hope.*	,,	Sailed from Woolwich to-day, but wanting nearly 100 men, was forced to anchor in the Hope; has sent out two boats to press all they can, so as to carry him to the Downs.	93
,, ,,	Capt. J. Lightfoot, *Nightingale, Yarmouth Roads.*	,,	Convoyed a Bristol ship from Virginia bound for Rotterdam to the Brill, by order of Capt. Sparling, and brought back 18 sail that had lain there a fortnight for a convoy, 4 being laden with cordage on the State's account; is returning to Ostend.	94
,, ,,	Christ. Pett and 3 others, *Woolwich.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Bird, a bricklayer, is a suitor to the Admiralty Commissioners to be master bricklayer at Woolwich yard; it would be prejudicial to the service, as he is much given to idleness. Besides this, the master bricklayer of Deptford yard, by virtue of his warrant, claims a right to the place, and his instrument has acted under him there for several years; if another is to be appointed, he would be the most fit, they having had long experience of his abilities and care.	95
,, ,,	——	—	List of 88 Spanish prisoners taken in the Virgin Mary, and delivered into the custody of the marshal-general of Chelsea College.	96
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has come in from the Downs with several ships under convoy to clean, and had hopes he should have been sent to Chatham. Thanks the Commissioners for removing his evil-minded purser.	97
,, 29	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to receive the accounts of Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson for all moneys and prizes come to his hands, or issued by him for contingencies, short allowance to mariners, &c., and to state and adjust them.	98
,, ,,	Capt. Ri. Kingdon -	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Sends a letter from the Commissioners of Prizes; is going on board the prize to morrow to see her unladen. Capt. Mackey sent a small prize into Yarmouth; probably many of the goods mentioned in the deposition may be in her; if search were carefully made in that vessel and in the house of Capt. Mackey, and if the persons who brought her to Yarmouth, or others concerned were examined, much of the goods might be found. It is said by other depositions that there was gold and silver shipped in this vessel to the value of 20,000*l.*, and it is a pity unfaithfulness should bereave his Highness of what Providence seasonably gives him.	99
,, ,,	Jno. Packwood, *Woolwich.*	Major Nehemiah Bourne, Navy Com^{r}	Sends the names of the officers entered in the 2 new frigates lately built at Woolwich; recommends Stephen Turner as cook for the Sampson.	100
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Desires order to contract for Mr. Norwood's ketch to attend upon the Dunbar, and for impressing men, as she will soon be ready to sail.	101

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1657. Apr. 29	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Sends the names of the officers chosen for the 2 small frigates lately built, which will sail to-morrow for the Hope. Sent a copy of their agreement with Thos. Parker, master of the Charity ketch, to the officers of the London, and will send them a jack. As the Entrance will be launched next week, desires her victuals may be sent down. The Dunbar and Gloucester are taking in their ordnance and beer, and will sail next Monday. As the master shipwright has returned, will soon send an account of the Scotch boats.	Vol. 165. 102
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - -	103
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, at Sea.*	,,	He and the captain of the Sparrow (who has now recovered) have kept with the fishing fleet, and will endeavour still to protect them from the enemy, but they continually stray from the flags. His victuals will end 20 June, by which time he hopes most of the fleet will be ready to return home. Wrote Major Burton of having lost his best bower and part of his cable off Yarmouth, but has not heard whether they have been found.	104
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor and 6 others, *Chatham Dock.*	,,	Recommend Rich. Rabenet for the boatswain's place in the new frigate building at Chatham, he having served in the State's ships 13 years, been in most of the engagements against the Hollanders, and a midshipman in the Rainbow under Capt. Stoakes.	105
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	,,	The Marmaduke and Wakefield have sailed, with several ships under convoy bound for the east, to the Downs. Has given order for dispatching the Phœnix and Nonsuch, but they want men. The Guinea is at sea. As there are other parcels of cordage owing for besides Mr. Clarke's, desires they may be paid for as they come to hand, and will contract for as long time and at as easy terms as he can. Has bought a parcel of good Flemish cordage for 43*s.* a cwt.	106
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, *Essex, Downs.*	,,	Will detain any ships that arrive for such service as they appoint. The Dartmouth having been forced back with her convoys by contrary winds, has kept her in lieu of the Mermaid, and sent the latter to Capt. Plumleigh. Ordered Capt. Rooth to send to Dover for a month's provisions, and also sent for 14 days' for the Essex and 3 weeks' for Capt. Godfrey, whom he has supplied with a boat, &c., from the Essex. Has ordered Capt. Allgate and others to return to the Downs by Monday next, and expects there will then be 7 ships. Particulars of ships. Desires the Eaglet ketch may be hastened down, and may bring the master of the Essex and the 20 seamen who went up with the prize.—P.S. The Eaglet is just coming in. Will send their letter to Capt. Sparling.	107
,, 30	Capt. Rowl. Bevans, *Convert, Hope.*	,,	Left Deptford last Tuesday, but has been delayed by easterly winds. Is fully manned and will sail for the Downs.	108
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Elizabeth, Rolling Ground, Harwich.*	,,	Is waiting for 40 barrels of powder from London, in lieu of what was defective, and cannot go to sea without it; hearing by two passengers from London that the hoy with it was at Gravesend 9 days since, is afraid of some miscarriage, as the wind has been fair for 4 or 5 days.	109
,, ,,	Capt. Lambert Cornelius, *Bramble, Ostend Road.*	Col. Clarke, *Whitehall.*	Hoped on taking leave of him at Whitehall, to have given some pleasing account of his proceedings ere this, but the opportunity has not presented. If they will give him a frigate answerable to his desires, and send him to the coast of France, hopes to do some service.	110

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1657. Apr. 30	John Cuttle, the *London, Hope.*	Navy Comrs	Received their warrant, dated 29th April, securing the men of Chris. Shadford, master of the Merchant of London, from being impressed, but having pressed 4 of them on 26 April, asks whether they are now to be released.	Vol. 165. 111
"	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Sent their letters to the Elizabeth and Fame, the former having sailed for the Downs and the latter to Yarmouth. The Roe ketch has gone to her former station, and the Hunter has come in to victual and tallow.	112
" "	Jno. Falkener, Wm. Billers, *Ordnance Office.*	Navy Comrs	Know no men fit for the place of gunners in the 2 small vessels at Woolwich, but will enquire -	113
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	There are but two Scotch boats fit for repair; desires order as to putting them in hand. The rest are unserviceable, and may be sold or fitted for harbour employment.	114
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne	"	Recommends for a gunner's place George Roaper, who served under him in the Little Charity in the last engagement with the Dutch, also for several years in the worst of times, and when the ships revolted.	115
April	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. or Navy Comrs	Accounts of arrival and departure of ships to or from the Hope, during the month. [11 papers.]	116–126
May 1	Rich. Brown, *Pembroke.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends account of disbursenents for ships, asks a warrant for the money - - - -	Vol. 166. 1
" "	Jno. Falkner, *Ordnance Office.*	Navy Comrs	Recommends the gunner's mate of the Pembroke as gunner of one of the 2 small frigates. Noted "Robt. Shorton appointed gunner of the Hart at Woolwich."	2
" "	Capt. J. Grymesditch, *Princess Maria, Falmouth.*	"	Has been beating about through contrary winds and is at last forced in, in company with the Exchange, which is a very sluggish sailer and hardly able to keep the sea in foul weather. There are several other ships bound for Barbadoes and New England, having many passengers on board.	3
" "	Edw. Sandford, Deputy Marshal-General, *Chelsea College.*	Adm. Com.	Certifies, at request of Thos. White, that he has a prisoner named Jacob Farbor, a private seaman, one of 9 taken in a prize by Capt. Jacob Freese, but retaken by the Portsmouth.	4
" "	Capt. Giles Shelley. *The Guinea, Spithead.*	"	Left Spithead with several small vessels, the Lark going westward with them, and cruising about, chased a large ship, but found she belonged to Enchuysen, and was bound for the East Indies; also chased another, which put him to leeward, and the wind being at S.S.E., was forced to stop in the Road.	5
" "	Thos. Smith and 4 others.	Navy Comrs	Recommend Wm. Jenner for employment, he having served the State for several years as master and pilot, and being much impoverished by the casualties of the seas.	6

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1657. May 1	Capt. Gab. Sanders and Capt. Thos. Wright, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from Harwich to Yarmouth Roads the 28th, and convoyed two vessels richly laden to the Maas; on their return, applied to Mr. Burton for orders, but he being away, are about to convoy 4 more vessels to the Maas, and then return to their stations. Want powder and ammunition hastened down.	Vol. 166. 7
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Pearl, Scarborough.*	,,	Convoyed a vessel with ammunition from Tynemouth to Berwick, by order of Mr. Burton of Yarmouth, and has since been cruising upon his station. Wants to clean and revictual.	8
,, ,,	Navy Comrs.	,,	The Liberty, cast away at Harwich, has been discovered, and there is a probability of recovering her guns; desire order therein, as also as to supplying the Dunbar with a ketch, Mr. Pett of Chatham having applied for one.	9
,, 2	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to fit out the Diver hoy, and send Mr. Willis down to Harwich, furnishing him with instruments, to endeavour to recover the guns of the Liberty, wrecked off Harwich.	10
,, ,,	,,	,,	Order to allow Luke Slyfield, deputy-marshal, the wages due for the time he served on board the Essex in the Downs, according to the entertainment given to the former deputy-marshal; with two certificates of Capt. Wm. Whitehorne of the time he served. Noted that 2 bills were made out for 15*l.* 2*s.* and 4*l.* 12*s.* at 2*s.* a day.	11–14
,, ,,	Rowland Bevans, *Convert, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from the Hope last Tuesday, but has been delayed by the tides and easterly winds	15
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Blythe, the *Dover, Hope.*	,,	Having completed the number of his men to within 10, will sail for the Downs. The Convert sailed yesterday, and the Elias is now weighing.	16
,, ,,	Capt. Peter Foote, *Mermaid, Flemish Road, Dunkirk.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Wants allowance for the 11 months and 9 days he served in the George	17
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	The hoy, with the powder for the Elizabeth, Tiger, and Fame, has arrived, and the ships having been supplied, have sailed for the Downs. The hoy waits further orders.	18
,, ,,	Edw. Grove, *Roe ketch.*	,,	Took in 84 days' provisions at Harwich, and has since convoyed several vessels bound between London, Lynn, and the Yarmouth Roads; has now 3 with oil, cordage, &c., for London and Colchester, which he will also see to the Yarmouth Roads.	19
,, ,,	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	,,	Delivered their instructions to the commanders of the Signet and Parrot, who will be ready to sail when they have obtained their men. Gave Commissioner Pett an account of the ships that have sailed; will retnrn to Gravesend and give order for manning the 2 small frigates from the London; 20 pressed men went on board the Dover, which, with the Convert and Elias, has sailed.	20
,, ,,	Mayor of Dover	—	Peter Hales, master of a London ship bound for Lisbon, was taken prisoner, and is detained at Ostend on pretence of a promise, which he denies making, to procure the release of 20 Ostenders for as many of his men.	20*a*

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1657. May 2	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	Has been cruising on his station but has not seen any of the enemy's ships. His cook becoming distracted at some times of the moon, let him go, and put in his place Edw. Rogers, as he has a wife and large family; he has formerly served under Vice-Admiral Badiley and Capts. Lane and Young, and as he has given good content to the seamen, hopes they will give him the place. Speaks Capt. Sansum every 24 hours.	Vol. 166. 21
,, ,,	Com. Peter Pett, *Gravesend.*	,,	Waiting on Major-Gen. Kelsey at Rochester, at his desire despatched a messenger to hasten away the Dover, Convert, Parrot, and Signet, and expects they will soon be in the Downs, having all necessaries but men. Hopes soon to send away the Gloucester, Dunbar, and Entrance.	22
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth, Scarborough.*	,,	Has been plying on his station with the Amity, but has not heard of any of the enemies' men-of-war. Wants to revictual, having only 28 days' provisions left.	23
,, ,,	Capt. Jas. Sharland, *the Kinsale, Chester Water.*	Adm. Com.	Has come by order of the Council at Dublin, to waft over some friends of the Lord Chancellor, who came to Chester this day, and only waits a wind; hopes it will not be long, as he has only 15 days' victuals left.	24
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Will give order for building the tar-house with expedition, there being great want of it. Has sent the Guinea to the Downs, and the Nonsuch and Phœnix will follow. The business of the dock does not go on so vigorously as he expected, but is not discouraged. Waits to see that and other things of concernment a little more forward, when he will visit them.	25
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Delivered their orders to Capt. Shelley, who has sailed to the Downs, and will hasten away the Phœnix and Nonsuch; nothing will obstruct unless it is want of men. Will endeavour to bring the expense of the tar-house within the estimate. Is informed Lord Richard [Cromwell] has sent an answer about the tops, lops, &c. Begs instructions so as to proceed to fell the remainder of the trees already ordered; there being little timber felled this year, cannot otherwise supply the necessities of the yard. Sends an account of old cordage, junk, iron, &c., in the stores, and desires order for disposing of them at the sale of the Hopewell pink.	26, 27
,, 3	Maj.-Gen. Thos. Kelsey, Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Dover.*	,,	Viewed some vessels at Sandwich that might be useful for transporting the officers' horses; conferred at Dover with Capt. Whitehorne and the commanders of 5 ships named, as to the number and movements of the ships in the Downs, and sends particulars. Will take a view of what vessels and boats are to be had at Dover for transportation of the men and horses. A ship from Lisbon reports that 15 Dutch men-of-war have got into Cadiz, and that 15 more were expected.	28
,, ,,	Capt. Giles Shelley, *the Guinea.*	,,	Arrived in the Downs this day from Spithead - - - - - - -	29

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1657. May 4	Alex. Balling - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a master's place in the Rosebush, or some other ship, having served as master and master's mate in the late war with the Dutch; has also been to the West Indies as master in the Golden Cock, which being laid up, he is now utterly destitute. With certificate of Capt. J. Whitstone that he served in the Diamond, Speaker, and Golden Cock, and deserves employment.	Vol. 166. 30, 31
” ”	Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	”	Account of 4 ships at Deptford fitting for sea, with the time they have been in rigging wages and their numbers of men mustered.	32
” ”	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, Col. Thos. Kelsey, *Dover.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Letters from Plymouth show what a slender guard there is for keeping the many prisoners, and such desperate ones as many of them are; desires they will move General Desborow to write Capt. Rea and Lieut. Larke to strengthen it. The frigates are ready and waiting for work; hopes the soldiers will be hastened down.	33
” ”	” ”	Adm. Com.	Hope the small vessels will be speedily sent. Have viewed the ships, barks, and boats at Dover fit for the service, and find sufficient to carry over the officers' horse, and some foot, and hope to ship off half the foot at once.	34
” ”	Capt. Wm. Ledgant, *Elias, Margate Road.*	”	Is detained by the weather and want of men, but will endeavour to get into the Downs to-morrow.	35
” ”	Navy Comrs. - -	”	Have examined the accounts of Vice-Admiral Goodson, and finding they had been audited by Peter Pugh, appointed Auditor-General by Lieut.-Gen. Brayne, and attested by the latter, have discharged the respective officers accountable for what they had received; but having no vouchers, cannot pass a bill for what he has issued of the money left in his hands by General Penn, and now lying as an imprest against him in the Treasurer's office. The amount received and expended was £3,171 9*s.* 2*d.* As he desires to take up his imprest, and Gen. Brayne's order is no warrant to them, desire further directions. Cannot take any cognizance of the prizes, as they do not relate to the Navy Office.	36
” ”	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	”	Account of men mustered on board 7 ships named, as also of those that arrived from Deptford and Woolwich and have sailed for the Downs. Commissioner Pett has again attended and given order to the commanders of the Parrot and Signet to take 10 men each out of the London, and they will sail next high water.	37
” ”	Robt. Willis - -	Navy Comrs	The Diver hoy being ordered to be fitted out, desires a warrant for a pilot, men, and victuals -	38
” 5	Adm. Com. - -	”	Order for a bill of imprest to Major Wm. Burton for 500*l.*, on account of his contract for cordage.	39
” ”	Sec. Jessop, Adm. Comr.	” ”	They are to meet a Committee of Council to-morrow at the lobby, near the Council Chamber, by 8 a.m.	40
” ”	Thos. Lewis - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends an abstract of the issues made to ships in several ports since 1 April - - -	41

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1657. May 5	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Pearl, Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	Is sorry they are dubious of some neglect in not engaging with the 3 Dunkirk men-of-war, but he and his company used their best endeavours to get up with them, and would have boarded them if the gale had continued; if his frigate had been possessed of oars, would have used them, but she had none the last voyage. Is convoying upwards of 200 colliers for Yarmouth Roads in company with Capt. Sansum, and desires orders to clean and revictual.	Vol. 166. 42
„ 6	Wm. Hempson, *George, Cape St. Vincent.*	„	Sends the muster books of the George, Fairfax, and Speaker, with particulars of neglects and absences.	43
	Elias Palmer, Jno. Falkner, *Ordnance Office.*	„	Stayed the accounts of Capt. Thos. Marryott of the Discovery, and Jno. Stocke, master gunner, for not charging themselves with 10 barrels of powder bought at Bristol during their service in St. George's Channel in 1653; but the captain having since produced an account made out in that year, and signed by Mr. Newberry, whereby they did charge themselves for it, he ought now to have debentures made out to him for clearing his bills of imprest. Not being satisfied with the gunner's account as to its expense, as he is now in Jamaica, have entered a caveat against his wages until his return.	44
„ „	Thos. Skelton, *York.*	Major-Gen. Lilburne, M.P.	Desires he will endeavour to procure the release of Jno. Sturdie, a Hull man, and son of Mr. Sturdie of Kirby Moorside, who is a prisoner in Ostend, by exchange for Jno. Battalie, mariner, prisoner in York Castle, he having written home that he cannot get his freedom without. The Flemish captain, who is also a prisoner in York, will engage that upon Battalie's arrival in Flanders, Sturdie shall be set at liberty.	45
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will delay the sale of the old cordage, &c., until he receives their orders. The Phœnix has sailed from St. Helen's; cannot account for her delay, as he gave the Lieutenant orders to use all expedition.	46
„ 7	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for the graving and refitting the Naseby, Resolution, Triumph, and Victory, and for certifying when they are ready to take in their provisions.	47
„ „	Rich. Dermott, *Dawpool, Cheshire.*	„	Captain Sharland of the Kinsale arrived from Dublin on the 28th ult. by order of Lord Hen. Cromwell, to transport over Lord Steele, the Lord Chancellor of Ireland's son, and other persons of quality. Went on board and mustered the company, after which she sailed. A great store of wheat, rye, and barley has lately arrived.	48
„ „	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, off Orfordness.*	Adm. Com.	Has revictualled and been plying on his station with Capt. Country. Two of the enemies' men-of-war came into Sole Bay and took 2 colliers, but being so far away to windward, could not fetch them up.	49

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1657. May 7	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send Robert Orton, master of the Katherine hoy, and Robert Birkhead and Robert Earle, watermen at Woolwich, together with their examinations, on a charge of receiving ropes and a clench of a cable, embezzled from the Pembroke by John Cole, the boatswain's boy; they ought to be made examples of, as it is an ancient practice. Believe the youth has declared the truth, and it may be a warning to him for the future. Also confession of Jno. Cole, servant to Lawrence Harde, boatswain of the Pembroke, as to embezzling cables, ropes, sails, oars, &c., out of the frigate, and selling them to the master of the hoy that brought down the provisions for the frigate, for 3 lbs. of tobacco, as also other like stores to watermen of Woolwich and Horsleydown for 2*s.* 6*d.*, 3*s.*, and 1*s.*	Vol. 166. 50–54
" "	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *the Norwich, Leith Road.*	"	Has arrived with 10 sail of Scotch vessels, and received orders from General Monk to convoy 14 sail to the Hope, and then to clean and revictual. Asks for a remove to a 4th rate frigate.	55
" "	Capt. Thos. Marryott, *Limehouse.*	"	Has found Mr. Newberry's reeeipt acknowledging that John Stock, gunner of the Discovery, charged himself with 10 barrels of powder, match, paper, and other things received at Bristol, and has given it to the Ordnance Officers. Has also found Mr. Tyler's note that he was only to receive from the treasurer what was due to him, Marryott, after the State was satisfied, so that they may see it was not intended to receive any more than was due, but the treasurer has been trying to destroy him and his family, who have heretofore never known the like straits. Hopes they will now order payment of the wages due to him in the Dunbar, which were the dearest he ever earned. Believes he shall never see any of them again, but prays God to bless and prosper all their undertakings, and to forgive the treasurer.	56
" 8	Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	Navy Comrs	Renews his application for some posts to be set up in Ham Creek to fasten ships and masts; there is great want of a bason for the Watergate.	57
" "	Martin Brice, Marshal to the Court of Admiralty, *St. Sebastian's.*	—	Certificate that Thos. Browne, of the John of London, has a parole to go to England, to free any prisoner of equal degree in England or Ireland to himself, and that such parole was granted in compliance with an order of Capt. Chris. Turner, late prisoner in Exeter Gaol, made on an order of the Navy Commissioners in England, and sent by him from aboard the Sancta Teresa frigate, Capt. Robt. Jordan.	58
" "	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, off Orfordness.*	Navy Comrs	Has sent 2 general sea books. While plying on his station the 6th inst., 2 of the enemies' men-of-war took 2 colliers in Sole Bay, the wind being easterly, and they 4 leagues to windward. They carried them away.	59
" "	Laurence Hardy, boatswain of the *Pembroke.*	Adm. Com.	Having discovered that his servant had embezzled some cordage, and having found 2 of the receivers, brought them with his servant before the Navy Commissioners, who, after examining them, committed them to the custody of the messenger, to be sent to the Admiralty Commissioners for punishment. As his ship is ready to sail, and his attendance cannot be dispensed with, desires he may be excused attending them thereon.	60

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1657. May 8	Capt. Hen. Powell, *Portland Lap.*	Adm. Com. „	Sent a journal of his proceedings; is now going to convoy 5 ships named for Hull and London, and will then return to Harwich Road, and wait orders.	Vol. 166. 61
„ 9	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for re-fitting and victualling the Satisfaction for 5 months for 120 men, she being designed to go convoy to New England, and thence to Newfoundland, to attend the fishery there.	62
„ „	„ - - -	„	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Jno. Upton for 300*l.*, on account of provisions to be bought by him for the Navy.	63
„ „	Edwin Hooker -	Adm. Com.	Petition for some salary for acting as clerk to Vice-Admiral Goodson, Commander-in-Chief at Jamaica, from the departure of Gen. Penn until the departure of Goodson on 31 Jan. 1656–7; with certificate by Vice-Adm. Goodson.	64, 65
„ „	Rich. Leake, *Gloucester frigate.*	„	Sends an account of ordnance on board the Gloucester, and the powder and ammunition required. Received 86 barrels of powder from the stores, but on passing his indent, only found 80 entered in it. Put the remaining 6 in a boat, and acquainted his captain that he intended carrying them to the Tower, but putting ashore at Gravesend, they were seized by the searchers, until he had a discharge from his captain. Fearing to lose the tide, and the next day being the Sabbath, made a note to clear the powder, which was accepted, but having lost his opportunity of going to London, hired a Gravesend boat for 4*s.* to carry it on board, until he acquainted the Ordnance officers therewith. Going afterwards on board, that boat was again stayed, and the powder re-seized by the same parties, and afterwards transported from place to place. Had no dishonest intentions; the 86 barrels were the proper allowance, and on the last voyage to Jamaica, he saved and returned a great quantity of overplus powder into the stores; with note of the proportion required for the frigate.	66, 67
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Scarborough.*	„	Being off Tynemouth Bar the 4th inst., with the Amity and Pearl, a fleet of 70 sail came out. For their better security, ordered the Amity to see them into the Roads; and another fleet of 60 sail coming by in the evening, himself and the Pearl kept them company as high as the well, and then plied northwards. As Capt. Pickering has only 2 days' bread and beer, he has sailed for Hull; having only 20 days' himself, desires they may both have orders where to revictual.	68
„ „	Rich. Streate, *Hart pink, Dover.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Complains that he could get no work done by Wm. Right, the carpenter they appointed, from the time they sailed from Gravesend until his clearing in Dover Road. With a note by Thos. Claver, surgeon, and 2 others, that Right told them he would neither work nor stay on board, and intreated to be put on shore.	69

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1657. May 9	Major Jo. Wade, *Gloucester.*	Adm. Com.	Saw the letter from the Navy Commissioners to Mr. Aldridge, for the speedy felling and converting of 400 tons of timber in Dean Forest, and had hopes of seeing no more such orders to a purveyor, whilst a shipwright is always felling timber for a frigate, and would fell for other purposes. The clashing of one against the other is destructive both to the State and the workmen. He cannot lay anything of dishonesty to either, and either might be appointed for the work, yet it is ugly to behold, and cannot be better while it remains in two men's hands. Hopes they will consider this, appoint one to the work, and order the other to forbear meddling.	Vol. 166. 70
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth* pink, *South Frith.*	"	Saw the Iceland Fleet to the Orkney Isles, where the Governor came on board with an order from Gen. Monk to take in 2 great guns, as also some shot and bedding for soldiers, and carry them to Leith. Gave an account of having done this to Gen. Monk, who then ordered him to follow former instructions, and take in his way all such merchant vessels as were ready for the Yarmouth Roads. Desires order as to revictualling; will be out of provisions 6 June. Has not seen any Dunkirk or Ostend men-of-war since coming from London.	71
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Will see to the fitting out of the Naseby and Resolution, and give orders for entering men to take out their guns and ballast, but will then be at a loss for seamen to do the work. If he can get men, will have the Naseby ready by the 20th, and the Resolution 10 days after. If they were to appoint Capt. Cuttance to the command of one of them, it would further the work, as living in a seaport, he might find men. The Lark has been in and returned to her station; as she has only 10 days' victuals, desires orders by the time of her return.	72
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	To similar effect. Officers should be appointed and sent down for the Naseby and Resolution, so as to further the work, as also their anchors and cables formerly demanded, and ordered to be sent from Chatham. Encloses a demand for their stores.	73
" 11	Capt. Rich. Haddock, *Dragon, Dover Road.*	"	A boat having come from Dover to carry some empty casks on shore, after she was laden, the surgeon and his man went into her to go on shore to buy necessaries; but the boat having no ballast, and it blowing fresh with a windward tide, she overset and drowned both the surgeon and his man, with a Dover woman and three children, going on shore from her husband on board. Desires they will send to Surgeons' Hall for another surgeon; will continue some time at Dover or Deal, for the transport of the remainder of the soldiers bound for France.	74
" "	Capt. Mic. Nutton, the *Norwich, Leith Road.*	"	Convoyed 11 sail from Queenborough to Leith Road, and has now orders from Gen. Monk to convoy 14 or 16 to the Hope, then to clean and victual, and afterwards to convoy vessels from London to Leith, and wait further orders.	75
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Refitting and sailing of ships, with account of cables in store, and what are required. Recommends Gooden Mixon, a ropemaker of Chatham, for working 10 tons of hemp into hawsers, upon the same terms as at London. Wants deals.	76

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1657. May 11	Capt. Thos. Sparling, *Assistance, Ostend.*	Adm. Com.	Received their order by the Drake, which has been to Dover to tallow and revictual, and has had quick dispatch, through the Major-General being there, and supplying the want of a warrant to the victualler from the Commander-in-Chief in the Downs. Had their commander come a day sooner, it would have prevented one small hoy, laden with salt, going into Ostend.	Vol. 166. 77
„ „	Rich. Vinson, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends survey of the Sapphire's prize, and what is judged needful to be done to her. The Lark came in as convoy to several small vessels from Portsmouth, and has sailed again. The Gainsborough and 2 others will sail from the Sound to-morrow.	78, 79
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Elizabeth arrived from the Downs, with order from Major-Gen. Kelsey and Capt. Hatsell to take on board 35 soldiers out of each of 3 companies belonging to the garrison, who have been shipped. She is now waiting for 35 more to be sent from Southampton, when they will sail for Boulogne, where they are to be landed.	80
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^{rs}	To similar effect. Sends an account of decayed and unserviceable provisions in the stores, which he desires an order to sell.	81
„ 12	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for a bill to Capt. Thos. Marryott for 10*l.*, on account of his wages as master of the Dunbar, to be done speedily for answering his pressing necessities, which are very great in this time of his sickness.	82
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to Hen. Webley for 3*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.*, paid by him to the apothecary for physic for Ambrose Tooth, one of the officers of the Navy Office.	83
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to examine the account of Rich. Browne, of Pembroke, of money disbursed in tallowing the Lizard and Mayflower, and to make out a bill for what is due thereupon.	84
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to Capt. Thos. Morgan for the time he served in the Elias, notwithstanding any former order of suspension.	85
„ „	Lieut.-Col. Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their order to the victualler to supply Capt. Pickering with 3 months' provisions; he has just come in to clean and victual.	86
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Want deals and a copper, and a warrant to Mr. Davis to ship them in the State's boat from Deptford. The Satisfaction is ordered up the next tide. The anchors and cables for the Naseby and Resolution shall be hastened away.	87
„ „	Wm. Shews, *Adam and Eve, Kinsale.*	Adm. Com.	Having lost their steerage, were forced to put into Kerry; got an order from the Council at Dublin for money and provisions, and is ready to sail for the Downs.	88
„ 13	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} intrusted with victualling.	Order to furnish the Resolution and Naseby 500 men each, the Triumph 320, and the Victory 300, with 4 months' victuals, as soon as they are ready to receive it.	89

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1657. May 13	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the officers and company of the Marmaduke for the last expedition, according to a ship of the 4th rate.	Vol. 166. 90
" "	Capt. Ben. Blake, the *Dunbar*, *Queenborough.*	Adm. Com.	Thought it would be presumption to send any account while at Chatham, but being now ready to sail to the Hope, wants orders, also a ketch, which would be useful in manning the ship. Has little to take in besides 2 guns and the stores.	91
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Col. Clarke, *Whitehall.*	It is not easy to find men fit to be masters of the Triumph and Victory, but suggests Mr. Dove, Capt. Vallis (who was long a master in the frigate) Capt. Gunston, and Capt. Marryott, who is at present ill, will have it in his thoughts as any others come in his way.	92
" "	Philip Jegon - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Andrew Hoddart was taken by an Ostend man-of-war while in the servive of Thos. Warren, coming from Madeira, and is now in Dunkirk prison; Warren is in the country, and will not be home for 8 days.	93
" "	Navy Com. - -	Adm. Com.	Hearing from Chatham that the Triumph and Victory will be ready to grave next springtide, their officers should be appointed, to give them quicker dispatch and to obtain men; the same in reference to refitting the Naseby and Resolution from Portsmouth.	94
" "	" - -	"	Have had a survey taken of the mast dock at Deptford, as to what is required to make it more commodious. There should be 2 pairs of gates to keep the water out or in as occasion requires, also a sluice to keep the dock clean, and a wharf of 250 feet, on the Thames side, which will make a large and convenient place to lay ordnance carriages, &c., and save much charge to the State, besides the taking off a present rent of 12*l.* a-year for a piece of ground far less useful for that purpose. The estimate for cleansing, wharfing, and completing the work is 1,200*l.* If it is to be proceeded with, desire a speedy order, also for the sale of the Mary flyboat and Primrose hoy, both unserviceable. Saw a list of unserviceable stores at Portsmouth, which Commr. Willoughby desires to be sold while he is there. With the order for the mast dock accordingly, dated 14 May.	95, 96
" "	Jno. Stainforth, Deputy - Marshal, *Chelsea College.*	"	Certifies at request of Geo. Burton that there is a prisoner in the college named Paulus Bollocke, a private seaman belonging to the St. Clara of Ostend.	97
" "	Wm. Willoughby, Hugh Salesbury, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Victuallers.	As their 6 months' account has been under examination 5 or 6 weeks, desire they will order its passing and payment, being much necessitated for money, and having considerable disbursements by the Resolution and Naseby going forth. By their contract they are every month to receive $\frac{3}{4}$ths of the issues, and at the end of 6 months to clear all that remains unpaid. Had a bill for the $\frac{3}{4}$ths of the March account by way of imprest; desire the bills may not be as imprest for the future, as it may cause trouble to take them up, but according to the contract.	98

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1657. May 13	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Naseby and Nonsuch have gone into the road, but he cannot send off their provisions through the weather. The Naseby has 400 men and boys. Finds it hard to keep men in harbour, as of 48 that were put on board her from the Sorlings, half are gone, although there is from 5 to 7 months' pay due to them, and there are not above 60 remaining of 100 entered in the Resolution. When they give order to other ships to spare of their number; hopes they will tell them not to send their worst, which they usually do. Particulars of ships. Asks whether to hire a Hamburgher in harbour to transport the stores to Gen. Blake's fleet. Has given order for the masts, many of which are made. A midshipman of the Resolution, a Bristol man, having stated that he could get 50 or 60 men there, has ordered him to go and return in 10 days.	Vol. 166. 99
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	The Naseby and Resolution will be ready by Tuesday next. Desires their surgeons may be sent down.	100
" 14	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order for a bill of imprest to Major Wm. Burton for 1,000*l.* on account of his cordage contract -	101
" "	Thos. Brooks - -	Adm. Com.	Recommends Mr. Cob for the place of minister at sea, having known him 20 years; he is also recommended by Vice-Adm. Goodson.	102
" "	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Pembroke.*	"	Wrote from Dublin of his arrival there with the powder ship, and of being instructed by the Council to waft Justice Cooke to England or Wales. Was detained there by weather until 11 April, when the Justice came on board; landed him at Milford the 13th. Has mended his maintopmast, and, hearing that some piracies have been committed on the Irish coast, intends going there with all possible speed, to do do his utmost power to discharge his trust.	103
" "	Geo. Fletcher -	Col. Clarke	Wants a master's place in one of the frigates lying in the Thames, the Admiralty Commissioners having promised him one in the new frigate lately built in Dean Forest, of which he has been disappointed.	104
" "	Rich. Gerrard, Marshal-General, *Chelsea College.*	—	List of 150 Spanish prisoners in his custody at Chelsea College, received form Col. Roger Allsopp.	105
" "	Capt. Thos. Marryott, *Limehouse.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for their promptness in sending him an order for 10*l.*, as also for 40*s.*; has received both sums, without which he must have perished.	106
" "	Capt. Rich. Newberry, the *Gloucester, Hope.*	"	Desires an order to press 100 men and pay the disbursements; will then sail, having all the victuals and stores on board.	107
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	The Gloucester has been in the Hope since Tuesday, and the Dunbar is at Queenborough, both waiting a wind. The latter wants a ketch for pressing men. Particulars of ships.	108

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1657. May 14	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Acquainted them with the complaints for nonpayment for cordage bought at 43*s.* a cwt. payable in 3 months, and now one Pitt of Hampton complains that 400*l.* has been due to him since Oct., and that he cannot obtain payment. Having promised to write them on his behalf, he agreed to deliver 10 tons more within a month, half hemp and half Holland yarn, at 42*s.* 6*d.* a cwt. As there are also several petty bills of 7*l.* or 8*l.* for things of continual use, that cannot be obtained without cash, desires their consideration thereof, as also of the poor dockmen, who are great sufferers for want of their pay, they giving 2½*d.* for every 2*d.* they are constrained to go on the score for. Is at work on the great ships, and if men present themselves, hopes to get them done within the time.	Vol. 166. 109
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame*, *Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Went to Landguard Fort for powder, by order of Capt. Sanders, but the hoy having gone to Yarmouth, only exchanged 10 barrels, and then went to Yarmouth, where he has taken in his supply, as also the Tiger's, now plying in her station. Is ready to sail with some vessels for Holland, and will bring back such as are there.	110
,, ,,	John Hammond, mariner, of *Ipswich.*	—	Deposition that on the 8th instant he was on board the Friendship of Ipswich, laden with coals and bound for London, and while in Yarmouth Roads, a boat containing a dozen men belonging to the Amity came alongside, to press men; whereupon the crew hid themselves and could not be found. Wm. Aldridge, who had command of the boat, and who was master's mate of the Amity, thereupon went into the cabins and took away certain clothes, money, and books; and upon being told to do no more than he could justify, he replied that he did nothing more than he had orders for, and that if the seamen would have their clothes, they must come on board the Amity for them.	111
,, 15	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for a bill to Edm. Hooke, as clerk to Vice-Adm. Goodson, from the departure of Gen. Penn from Jamaica on 25 June 1655 to 16th April 1657, after the rate of 40*l.* a year.	112
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for a bill to Marg. Burrough for 100*l.*, on account of the wages due to Cornelius Burrough, Steward-General to the fleet in the West Indies, he having petitioned for the same for the relief of his family and relations, and being recommended by Lieut.-Gen. Brayne; the same to be charged to his account.	113
,, ,,	Thos. Andrews, J. Leake, *Yarmouth.*	Lieut.-Col. Wm. Style, the *Still*, *St. Johns' St., London.*	Expected to have seen a ship to receive their men. Ensign Leake arrived last Wednesday with 30 from Lynn, and yesterday an ensign of Col. Salmon's with as many, and Lieut. Read from Southwold and Lowestoft with 10. The 30 from Lynn and Capt. Wise's 10 are quartered in the town at Yarmouth, and Col. Salmon's 30 in Goultstone. Desire a speedy order, as some of Ensign Leake's men are very short of money, not having been long in pay, and it will be impossible to march them by land without money; therefore would like them shipped. Wants a copy of Council's order for recruiting, not understanding whether they are to be 80 or 100.	114
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Lidney.*	Adm. Com.	Is proceeding with the new frigate; the master builder is very industrious, but does not think she will be ready to launch until August. The work is delayed by the purveyor using the wagons that otherwise would bring down the plank for the carriage of timber.	115

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1657. May 15	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Comrs	Sends an account of stores issued to ships, as also of what are wanting, and desires they may be hastened down. Robt. Keeble and Thos. Gylls have recovered one of the Liberty's guns, measuring 11½ feet, and weighing 40 cwt.	Vol. 166. 116
" "	Capt. N. Heaton, the *Gainsborough, at Sea.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Met the Fagons, who had taken a prize built at Brest a year since; she has two decks, 6 guns aloft, and 18 ports on her gun deck; as she was well fitted with sails and rigging, and fit to keep at sea, manned her out of both ships, and has taken her into his company, and intends to ply about the Channel until he comes in to clean and revictual, when he will deliver her up to the Prize Officers, if the Commissioners do not fit her out again. When Mr. Potter was transferred to the Sapphire, he put his Lieutenant under Capt. Elliott of the Fagons, until his master came down, when Capt. Elliott put him in command of the prize, where he now is; if their honours should fit out these frigates, hopes they will give his lieutenant the command of one of them, as he has done some service, is a stout, honest, able, and deserving man, and willing to go in any ship, and upon any service. Hopes the Gainsborough will sail so well as to take the next man-of-war. Asks a warrant for Geo. Bolt to be his minister, his former one having been sent to the Unicorn, and Capt. Clay having spared Mr. Bolt out of the Sapphire, where he had been 4 years.	117
" "	Geo. Rudacke, the *Weymouth, Yarmouth Roads.*	Col. Clarke, *Whitehall.*	Petitioned for a command in the State's fleet, and was recommended by Lord Widdrington and others, but there was no place vacant, and so having a desire to be in action, shipped as master with Capt. Wilkinson of the Weymouth pink. As he is about to be removed, begs the command of the Weymouth or any other the Commissioners may think fit to bestow.	118
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Wrote the Navy Commissioners for appointment of John Norwood to a ketch named the Blessing of Stroud, to wait on the Dunbar in getting men, as he was an able man and had been in all the engagements as master of such a vessel; but a stop was put to it, as the Admiralty Commissioners intended appointing another man. As the ketch is much wanted and nothing has yet been heard of her, desires she may be hastened down. Begs furtherance to Norwood, that he may be appointed either to the Triumph or Victory, so that men may be gained in time to supply present wants.	119
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Essex, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Will deliver their instructions to the commanders of each frigate that comes into the Downs, but there has only been the Pembroke, which has sailed again to her station at Dunkirk, whence he hears all the frigates there are in good condition. Gave their instructions to the Oxford, which came in to day, but Capt. Allgate had orders from Major-Gen. Kelsey and Com. Hatsell at Dover to take in some soldiers in the Downs, who came from Sandwich, and 158 were shipped off this evening, very orderly, and they most cheerfully proceeded on their voyage. Has sent orders to the commanders of 13 ships named in Dover Road to take all opportunity to impress mariners, so that no advantage may be lost for gaining them.	120

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1657. May 15	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *Essex*, *Deal.*	Col. Jno. Clerke, *Whitehall.*	Is on shore helping to ship off the soldiers. Has not had any opportunity of speaking to Capt. Crapnell, as to his willingness to take charge as master in any of the great ships, and the Essex is the biggest that he ever undertook, yet believes him to be very able, and supposes he may depend upon his favor.	Vol. 166. 121
„ 16	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to examine the accounts of Rich. Browne, of Pembroke, of disbursements for twice tallowing the Basing, and to make out a bill for the money due therefrom.	Vol. 167. 1
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to take up a ketch to attend the Dunbar, in getting men, &c., and if they find there is no necessity of continuing them after each great ship is properly provided, they are to discharge them, so as to save unnecessary charge.	2
„ „	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch*, *Orfordness.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on his station since the 23rd ult., but has not seen any that infest those parts, save the two frigates which surprised the two colliers off Aldborough Bay. Has 22 days' provisions left.	3
„ „	Lieut.-Col. Elton, *Hull.*	„	The Porrell will be dispatched with all her necessaries next week. The merchants of Hull having 10 laden ships bound for London have entreated him to desire their order for Capt. Pickering to convoy them to the mouth of the Thames; there is also a ship richly laden with cloth bound for Dort, that will go with the Porrell to Yarmouth, but the owners much desire a convoy thence to Holland. The Hull packet of letters did not arrive by the last post.	4
„ „	Capt. Jas. Strutt, *Half Moon*, *Hastings.*	„	Was called off his station to further the business at Dover, where he was some time. Then went to Seine head to convoy some vessels to Hastings, and is now plying on his station between Beachy and Dungeness, taking care of the fishing vessels, and speaking with ships that pass.	5
„ „	Major Jno. Wade, *Little Dean,*	„	Perceive they intend as soon as the frigate is launched to dispense with one of the master workmen, and that they are informed she will be launched in 3 weeks; thinks it will be 3 times 3 weeks. Much time has been lost in carrying timber for the State's yard to the water side, where there are already several ship loads, instead of to the new frigate, and both those services may be performed by one hand, and at the saving of much money. Cannot say which of the two is most fit to be employed, but Mr. Aldridge has carried himself like an honest man; when he was first sent to the forest, he returned a good report of what timber was to be had for the State's use, and he made good his report by sending to the State's yards that which was well approved of, when other shipwrights had reported that there was no timber in the forest, though for one ton that was there when Mr. Aldridge came, there were a thousand,—far exceeding what there is now in goodness—burnt for charcoal. Mr. Furzer has also carried himself very honestly and carefully in husbanding all things; he is young and able of body, and an able artist.	6
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Is using all expedition about the 2 great ships. Asks whether to supply them with ordinary sea stores, or as they were furnished when they last went forth, and also with 4 months' provisions, for as they take in, so they must be ballasted. If they alter after the ballast is in, it may not only injure the ships, but make them incapable of stowing so much as otherwise they might.	7

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1657. May 17	Capt. Ben. Blake, the *Dunbar*, *Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has arrived from Queenborough, and received his gunner's stores, and will proceed to man the boats. Desires leave to come to London to attend them, and settle some family affairs.	Vol. 167. 8
,, ,,	Lieut.-Col. Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	,,	Desires order to Capt. Pickering to convoy 10 or 12 sail bound for London, and afterwards to give convoy to a ship bound for Dort, according to a petition from the owners.	9
,, ,,	Major-Gen. Thos. Kelsey, Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Dover.*	Robert Blackborne.	Sir John Reynolds has gone on board the Torrington which they appointed to carry him over. The Oxford has gone to Sandgate Castle to take in the 30 soldiers from Southampton, and will carry them over. Shipped the recruits which came under the conduct of Col. Mill, who, with Col. Allsopp, went over with them, and the frigates have returned after a safe landing. To-morrow will order the shipping of Sir John Reynolds' horses, coach, and necessaries, with such other of the officers' horses as they have left behind, and hope to finish and come for London on Tuesday.	10
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Riveley, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is still on his station with the fishermen, and having only 12 days' provisions left, desires order as to revictualling. Chased some Ostenders or Danes who came amongst the fishermen, and took 3 of the masters, but returned their boats; could not come up with them.	11
,, ,,	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a receipt for provisions received into the stores at Dover from Thos. Keete and Jno. Page; wants masts from 15 to 22 inches.	12
,, ,,	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Rich. Leak, gunner of the Gloucester, having come up with 6 barrels of powder in a boat, which he pretended was sent down above his number, and that he was going to take it back to the Tower by direction of his captain, it was stayed until he produced the captain's certificate. Thereupon he hired another boat to go to his ship to obtain it, and having counterfeited one by the way, returned and was allowed to proceed with the powder to the Tower; but his motions being watched, and it being observed that he went eastward, it was again seized, conveyed to the fort and secured for the night. The next day he was taken by a guard to the captain, who he pretends is privy to it; conceives that this will prove but a foul business, and that it was left on board Kemp's hoy, who brought down the other stores. The captain will be at Gravesend tomorrow with an account of what stores are on board. Will send up the counterfeit certificate, and has written the officers at the Tower, to make enquiries after Kemp's hoy, and if anything else can be found on board, as Kemp is a subtle man, and may have carried up more, or some other of the stores. The Dunbar and Norwich are gone to the Hope and the London is in Lee Road.	13
,, 18	,, ,,	,,	Two gentlemen from the Ordnance came down to survey the gunner's stores on board the Gloucester, but the captain had done so and found 6 barrels of powder and two hides wanting. Encloses the gunner's counterfeit note from his captain, who has taken him on board, and will send him up when ordered.	14, 15

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1657. May 18	Capt. Rich. Newberry, *Gloucester frigate.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Having formerly written on behalf of his gunner, must now with shame alter his voice, as last Saturday he came with a hoy from the Tower, in which were 86 barrels of powder and other stores; being asked if he had all, he said he had more by 6 barrels of powder, which the officers of the Tower commanded him to bring up again. Not having time to examine the bills of lading, being then much troubled by the wives of some impressed men for their discharge, the gunner put off with the hoy and the 6 barrels of powder, and transferred them to a wherry near Gravesend, where he and they were seized by the searchers, and delivered into the custody of Col. Crompton. Was told by the gunner that he was but to have 80 barrels, but the bill of lading mentions 86; has examined all the stores on board by the bills, and finds nothing wanting but the 6 barrels of powder and two hides; sends the survey. Has often demanded his indenture, but he stated he had not indented; having received him on board from the colonel, will have him forthcoming at the pleasure of the Commissioners. Has 214 men, and will be ready to sail the end of the week, but will endeavour to get more men as ordered. Edw. Robinson of Stroud, who was master of the Entrance in the Dutch war, desires employment by attending on some great ship with his hoy. With list of his ordnance stores.	Vol. 167. 16, 17
" "	Col. G. Crompton, *Gravesend Blockhouse.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Richd. Leake, gunner of the Gloucester, having embezzled 6 barrels of powder, being part of her stores, was seized by Pelling and Morrice, custom officers, on Saturday last, when he affirmed that he was ordered by Capt. Newberry to carry them up to the Tower, as being more than the complement; to be satisfied of the truth, they sent him aboard to Capt. Newberry with two of their officers and a guard, to acquaint him with the business, and to make a survey of all the stores sent on board, which they found all right according to the indent, only 6 barrels of powder and 2 hides wanting. Would have dealt with the gunner and sent him up to the Commissioners, he having counterfeited the captain's hand to effect his base design, had not Capt. Newberry undertaken it.	18
" "	Aug. Aldridge, *Lidney, Dean Forest.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Is carrying timber to the loading place at Lidney Pill, and felling and squaring as ordered, but money is hard to come by; when Major Wade should receive 500*l.* he hardly gets 200*l.*, and has greater payments than he can receive or get in at present. Has been with him and as he cannot give any certain time for a supply, begs a letter of credit to take up money for carrying on of the service, being in a very great strait.	19
" "	Chris. Payne, *Weymouth pink, Yarmouth Roads.*	Col. Clarke.	Begs preferment; was recommended by Col. Thos. Ceely, and was clerk of the check and purser in the Weymouth pink under Capt. Wilkinson 4 years. Is now bound for Hull with 2 laden ships under convoy.	20
" "	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has washed and tallowed 6 frigates, and fitted 20 more with cordage, &c., amounting to 500*l.*, and as the frigates designed for Ostend will have 100*l.* worth of cordage, has received 500*l.* of the State's money from John Powell, and drawn a bill upon them, which he hopes they will pay, as its being at Dover has saved 3*l.* in bringing of it down. Wants masts. The Raven has come in, having lost her head and bowsprit, and sprung her masts.	21

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1657. May 18	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has discoursed with Capt. Thorowgood, but he is not inclined to accept, although he gives no reasons; supposes the thoughts of his going under the command of a man who has been much his inferior is no small discouragement, and it would be very inconvenient to take him away, there being no one at Portsmouth fit to supply his place. Has been offered some Bordeaux brandy at 39*l.* a tun, and if they have any use for it, desires order to purchase.	Vol. 167. 22
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *Essex, Downs.*	,,	Having notice from Comr. Pett that 2 hoys laden with cables and anchors for the Naseby and Resolution had sailed for the Downs, has sent the Eaglet ketch to convoy them. For the better impressing of seamen, the Elizabeth with a small frigate should lie between Yarmouth and Orfordness. Capt. Plumleigh writes that there is little appearance of the enemy at Dunkirk, and that all the frigates are in good condition on that station. The Raven having spent her mast in a chase, has ordered her into Dover to set a new one, and to clean and victual. Capt. Plumleigh desires an addition of 5 men to his complement, and, on behalf of Capt. Parke, 10 more for the Cheriton.	23
,, 19	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order for cleaning and revictualling the Norwich for 6 weeks - - - - -	24
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for a bill to Math. Clarke, one of the assistants to the Surgeon-General in the late expedition to the West Indies, for his entertainment, from the date of his commission till the Mathias, in which he came home, was paid off, after the rate of 50*l.* a year.	25
,, ,,	Elias Palmer, Jno. Falkener, *Ordnance Office.*	Adm. Com	Having sent stores for the Gloucester and Dunbar last Friday, heard yesterday of an attempt to embezzle some of the powder; sent some of their instruments to take an account of the stores on board those ships, and expects a return to night. Rich. Leake, gunner of the Gloucester, is found guilty of embezzling 6 barrels of powder and 2 tanned hides; the hoyman and guardian are no way accessory; are only at the beginning of the business, and labouring to find out the bottom of the fraud.	26
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs^	The cables and anchors for the Naseby and Resolution are going away from Gillingham in 2 hoys, under a convoy arrived from the Downs; has written the commander there to take care they are safely convoyed thence to Portsmouth. The Satisfaction is docked, and will require sheathing for her voyage to New England and Newfoundland; is in hand with the Victory and Triumph. Wants canvas and the victuals for the Satisfaction.	27
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	To similar effect. Recommends Rich. Paxford, of Rochester, Daniel Bradley, of Gosport, Mr. Weeks and Mr. Francke, mates in the Dunbar, and Thos. Thomson, formerly in the service, as masters of ships. Particulars of ships.	28
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Constant Warwick, Ushant.*	,,	Is still plying to and fro on the coast of France and Bay of Biscay. The Griffin, by order of Capt. Heaton, convoyed a merchantman to Lannion, near Morlaix. Chased a frigate, supposed to be an enemy, but she proved to be a Frenchman. Came aground on a bank, but got off safely, and as it was the first time, hopes it will be the last. Will use all means possible to clear the coast of the enemy.	29

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1657. May 19	Jno. Tomlinson, Gaoler, *York Castle.*	—	List of 24 mariners, prisoners in York Castle; also of 6 Englishmen, belonging to the Leonard of York, taken by Cornelius Jetters, commander of the Leopoldus of Ostend, for whom an exchange is desired.	Vol. 167. 30, 31
„ 20	Wm. Burton, jun., *Great Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Delivered his letter to Capt. Wilkinson, who has gone as convoy to a fleet to Hull, and to return with another. The Tiger and Fame have returned from the other side, and are going over again with a fleet; the Hind ketch and Hunter are bound towards the River's mouth, with a hoy laden with cordage for Deptford, and with the Hopewell hoy, which brought ammunition for the Tiger and Fame, and any others bound that way.	32
„ „	Edw. Cooke - -	Col. Clarke.	Desires he will free the bearer from impress, as he is his family's waterman at Chiswick, and about to be married to one of his servants, being already asked in church.	33
„ „	Capt. Ri. Hodge, the *Basing, Pennart Road.*	Adm. Com.	After the transportation of Lady Penn, plied on his station, finding no order at Milford to contradict it; being near Caldy on the 18th, sent a man to Pembroke to see if there was one there, and on his return with one, sailed for Pennart Road, and gave Mr. Shewell notice. All the ships are ready, but waiting for a wind; has advised them to hasten to Milford. Will take in a recruit of provisions, follow their orders, and give an account on his return. Desires a warrant for John Cheswell to be his minister, he having been on board some time and given much content. He was with the army in Ireland for some years, and has several testimonials.	34
„ „	Thos. Wilde, *Yarmouth.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Begs the command of a ship for Capt. Ben. Gunson, a kinsman of his, who lately commanded a small frigate of 12 guns, but was superseded by Capt. Smith, through lying too long in harbour. Has written to Gen. Desborow, his ancient and noble fellow soldier and acquaintance in the field.	35
„ 21	Capt. Pet. Bowen, *Mayflower, Milford Haven.*	Rich. Browne, Mayor of Pembroke.	Has convoyed several vessels laden with the State's goods from Waterford to Dublin, by order of Lord Hen. Cromwell, and also chased a small man-of-war of 3 guns and 36 men, but there being but little wind, he rowed away. Having been at sea 27 months, his wants are very great. Has come in for a supply.	36
„ „	Capt. Thos. Marryott, *Limehouse.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a note from the ordnance officers, admitting that John Stock, gunner of the Discovery, in giving in his accounts, charged himself with 10 barrels of powder. Begs the balance of his wages for service in the Dunbar, having paid away the 12*l.* granted, and being much pressed by his landlord for his rent.	37
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has sold 38 old boats by the candle, one half to Mr. Hayward and the other to Phineas Pett, at 18*s.* a piece, payable to the treasurer at his next coming to Chatham. Sends a demand by the master shipwright for stores, and desires they may be sent down in the horseboat from Deptford, with some sails, and the victuals for the Satisfaction, Triumph, and Victory. Wants an order as to some cables demanded by Mr. Sewell, to follow 4 anchors already sent to Portsmouth. Asks them to make out a bill of imprest for 500*l.* to Mr. Mundy, for paying divers persons for plank bought at Chatham, as since the last imprest to him of 500*l.*, nearly 600*l.* worth more of plank has been delivered, and the remainder to come in will amount to 700*l.* more. Has told Mr. Maplestone to send up his account, and considers that all purveyors should do so once a year, unless at a great distance.	38

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1657. May 21	Capt. Jno. Taylor, Ben. Blake, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Recommend Hen. Carolis as carpenter in the Dunbar, he having given constant attendance in the yard at Chatham, and assisted in fitting her out. With note by Richd. Arnold, of Thames St., to Robt. Blackborne, in behalf of Carolis.	Vol. 167. 39
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, *Essex, Downs.*	,,	On the arrival of the ships, appointed them to their several stations, as ordered by Major-Gen. Kelsey and Comr. Hatsell, also for impressing men, convoying ships, and attending Capt. Plumleigh before Dunkirk.	40
,, ,,	Capt. Gab. Sanders, *Tiger, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Since the 1st inst., has convoyed several ships to and from the Maas, Yarmouth, and the Downs, and having now received the 81 soldiers, will do his utmost to observe their commands; has given Capt. Wright notice to continue on his station.	41
,, 22	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to hire a ketch to attend on and assist the Naseby in getting men and stores - -	42
,, ,,	Wm. Burton, jun., *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their letters to Capt. Sanders of the Fame, who has sailed with the soldiers; has laden the cordage in the Bacheler hoy, which has sailed for Deptford in charge of the Hind ketch and Hunter.	43
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Newberry, the *Gloucester, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has received his gunner's indenture, signed by Edw. Sparkes, and only 80 barrels of powder is expressed, by which it is supposed there has been some unfaithfulness in some entrusted at the Tower.	44
,, ,,	Capt. Nich. Parker, *Bryer, Torbay.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying in the Chops of the Channel and Soundings with the Fagons, who took an Irish man-of-war of 18 guns, commissioned by the pretended Scotch King, but lost her prize in the night. The Fagons had her mizen mast shot. Is waiting to convoy some vessels bound for Morlaix.	45
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Pearl, Hull.*	,,	Sailed this day from Hull, with a fleet bound for London, by order of the Governor; as he could not obtain any bread there, will do so at the first convenient place.	46
,, ,,	Capt. Giles Shelley, the *Guinea, Spithead.*	,,	Sailed from Dover Roads with the last of the soldiers on Saturday, and after landing them, convoyed 3 Dover vessels for Seine Head; is now taking in Mr. Mansell and his money from Southampton for Jersey, and will then ply in his former station according to their order, seconded by the Major-General [Kelsey] and Commr. Hatsell, at the suit of Col. Gibbon in Dover. Is victualled to 5 July, provided the victualler may have order for the addition of 10 men for 4 months, as also 1,174 gallons of beer for 587 soldiers for 2 days.	47
,, ,,	Capt. Robert Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Humber.*	,,	After seeing the Hull ships into Humber, heard of 2 Ostend men-of war which had surprised 2 coal ships and sent them away; making sail after them, they lay with their sails to the mast until he came up; they fought from 6 to 9 p.m., when they put to sea, having disabled his upper work, sails, and rigging, and wounded several of his men. Questions not but he has done very much damage both to their men and frigates, as the dispute for the time was very hot. Will convoy all ships bound for Yarmouth Roads, according to Major Burton's son's order.	48

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1657. May 22	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has careened the Naseby, and taken in 200 tons of ballast, and will rig, victual, and get her into the Road with all speed. Capt. Cuttance has brought some men, and desires as lieutenant Jno. James, of the Essex, who has a good character from Capt. Whitehorne. Will proceed with the Resolution, but wants men. The Guinea has arrived from the coast of France, bound to Jersey with money for the soldiers. The Lark has been tallowed; will order 20 men out of her as directed. Mr. Bradley is willing to go as Master of the Andrew, but not to remove to Chatham, it being troublesome and chargeable; Roger Keate, who was Master of a merchant ship in the Dutch war, and then of the Marmaduke, and wounded in the June fight, is very fit to go as Assistant Master in either of the two great ships.	Vol. 167. 49
„ 23	Capt. Roger Cuttance, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	They are proceeding with the Naseby; hopes by Tuesday to take in the beer. Brought down 40 men, and expects 20 more from other parts. Wants a Master, as also a ketch to procure more men.	50
„ „	Capt. Rich. Country, *Buoy of the Nore.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on his station; chased a vessel, which proved to be a Heligoland dogger boat, and convoyed several vessels laden with butter and cheese, as also 2 hoys, with victuals and powder on the State's account, to the River's mouth.	51
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	„	The merchants and masters of Hull return thanks for the convoy given to their ships which have sailed for London and Dort, and the Weymouth pink convoyed the Success of Hull ten leagues on the sea towards Hamburg, and then returned to his station. Capt. Wilkinson had a great desire to go that way, in hopes of meeting with the two Dunkirk men-of-war, which he fought with lately, who had taken 2 colliers of ours bound for London, by the mouth of the Humber. Sends an account of his disbursements for the Porrell frigate 63*l*. 2*s*. 6*d*., and desires payment to his son Ensign Rich. Elton. When the Weymouth and others come in, will give them all necessaries.	52
„ „	Christ. Payne, *Weymouth pink, Humber.*	Maj. Beake, Adm. Com. Whitehall.	Having seen their convoys out of Yarmouth Roads to the Humber, and receiving notice from a collier of 2 Ostend men of-war that had taken 2 of his consorts, bore towards them, and had a very hot dispute for 3 hours. They being 2, the one no sooner gave them his broadside but the other was ready to do the like; provided for their coming, and gave them their bellies full, which forced them to leave, it being night. Having received some damage in the rigging sails, &c., and it being night, the captain thought it not convenient to pursue them.	53
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To the same effect. Hopes for the sake of his kinsman and friend, Col. Ceely, they will do him some good.	54
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Hull.*	„	Will give convoy to a Hamburg ship, richly laden, part of the way, to spend his victuals and in hopes of meeting the two frigates again. The Governor of Hull has ordered him to give convoy to the London fleet.	55
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Sent their orders to the victualler's agent at Ipswich, and if any of the ships therein mentioned arrive, will give them dispatch.	56

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1657. May 23	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Robt. Blackborne	The Gloucester has sailed from the Hope with 233 men, but none of the pressed men have appeared; if they are watermen it is not usual for them to appear in 4 or 5 days after the time limited on their tickets, and most of them come without clothes, and when entered, desire to go up for them, stay 4 or 5 days more, and then their masters or friends come down with them to make their excuse. It is also their practice to make great complaint for conduct money to carry them down to the Hope, professing they have only received it for Gravesend from the masters of the Hall. Asks whether to disburse anything for sending them on board; also whether to send the 300 men named to the Dunbar and Entrance, as the Gloucester is gone; the Dunbar has 187, and the Entrance 104.	Vol. 167. 57
,, 24	Capt. Edw. Grove, *Roe ketch.*	Adm. Com^{rs}	Since his last of the 2nd, has been and still is convoying ships to and from Yarmouth Roads, Lynn, and London. Capt. Country having taken away the press warrant, wants another.	58
,, 25	Capt. Robt. Colman.	,,	Received their order from the Commander-in-Chief in the Downs, to ply with Capt. Horne, of the Parrot, between the mouth of the Channel and Orfordness, for securing trade, annoying the enemy, and impressing mariners out of the colliers, and has impressed about 50. Expects more daily, if wind and weather permit.	59
,, ,,	Jno. Falkener, L. Audeley, *Ordnance Office.*	—	Account of powder delivered into the stores by 7 makers named, with particulars of the quantity contracted for by each, and what has yet to be sent in.	60
,, ,,	Dan. Furzer, *Lidney.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has been much hindered in the work in Dean Forest for want of carriage for the timber, but it it now likely to come in faster. Thinks the new frigate will be ready to launch the middle of August; supposes Major Wade has given an account of the obstruction.	61
,, ,,	Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	,,	Has sent 3 pieces of English sailcloth by the Dorchester wagon at 1*s.* 3*d.*, 1*s.* 4*d.*, and 1*s.* 6*d.* a yard, amounting with the carriage to 8*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* It is not so fair in color as French Noyals, being whiter, it being their custom here to buck the yarn to make it white before it is woven; yet for use it is esteemed by those of Bristol and Barnstaple far before the French, of which they have had proof for 20 years past: the French Noyals grow softer in use, whereas this, when it comes to the water, grows very hard and thick. Some of our merchants have often proffered good French Noyals for sale to those of Bristol, but they will not touch it on any terms, and this, although dearer, never lies on hand. If approved, will follow their orders for a greater quantity.	62

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1657. May 25	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne	As to the persons proposed as masters for the great ships, has little knowledge of Mr. Thomson; Rich. Paxford was master of the Paragon and Convertine, and in the time of the revolt, his integrity was a little questioned, but nothing proved. Since then he has served in the James as mate, under Thos. Arkenstall, and was wounded in the thigh in the first engagement against the Dutch off Dover. Afterwards he was master of the Tiger under Capt. Peacock, where he remained until his wound forced him to petition to come home; he is an able master. Many watermen have come down, but to little purpose, for all the service they will be invited to at present is to enter their names and begone again, as they pretend to fetch their clothes; but the naked truth is they would be in pay, and yet spend as much time in rowing at home for their own advantage as they could. Wants an order for searching the river, and for persons who are taken from their duties to be punished, and for all persons that shall be pressed to be ordered to bring their clothes. The Victory is taking in her beer, and the Triumph and Satisfaction will begin to-morrow if it arrives. They also want their carriages. With certificates by Thos. Arkenstall for Paxford.	Vol. 167. 63, 64
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	Having but 6 days' provisions left, cannot continue longer on his station, and will make for Harwich to revictual.	65
„ „	Capt. Fr. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	As there is great need of 2 small smacks to man and attend on the 2 great ships, and there are 2 in harbour fit for that service, asks if he shall agree for them at the same rate as the State gives for such vessels. The Elias has come into St. Helen's with 3 vessels laden with cables and anchors for the great ships, and went back with one laden with defective powder, and some others. The Sorlings is in the Roads bound for the Downs, with 2 or 3 vessels from St. Malo; she has been 6 months off the ground, and has only 14 days' victuals. Desires order for her cleaning, and for selling a quantity of decayed powder in the stores.	66
„ „	Capt. Rob. Wilkinson, *Yarmouth Roads.*	Major Bourne. *Navy Office Seething Lane.*	After seeing 4 Hull vessels into the Humber, heard of 2 Ostend frigates 10 or 12 guns, and reached and fought with them on the 21st from 6 to 9 p.m., when they sailed away much damaged. Begs removal into another frigate. Is troubled at being so undervalued.	67
„ 26	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for a bill to Major Robert Manley for 50*l.* for his care and pains in assisting to check victualling accounts amounting to 284,000*l.*, and winding up the contract between the State and Sir Thos. Pride & Co.	68
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill to Capt. Jeremy Smith for 30*l.*, for his expenses in attending in town on the Navy Service.	69
„ „	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Will enter the 30 pressed watermen on board the Dunbar and Entrance, when they come down; only 5 or 6 have yet arrived, and they have no clothes. Has mustered 200 men in and about the Dunbar, and 113 in the Entrance; the former has 35 and the other 36 men absent.	70

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1657. May 27	Capt. Roger Cuttance, *Naseby, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has taken 36 tuns of beer on board, and entered 120 men, and if he had a ketch, would employ her for manning the ship. Capt. Walters has arrived with 140 men; is promised some of them by Commissioner Willoughby, and the master having also come down, hopes to get to Spithead next week.	Vol. 167. 71
" "	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on his station, and convoying vessels laden on the State's account up and down the Swinn.	72
" "	Capt. Rich. Newbery, *the Gloucester, Downs.*	"	His new gunner, John Morgan, has arrived. Before any proceedings can be taken against the old one, the ordnance officers must certify that he indented for 86 barrels of powder, as he asserts it was only for 80, and that he had no other intentions but to carry the other 6 back to the Tower, when he was taken.	73
" "	Rich. Paxford	Robert Blackborne.	Comr. Pett has recommended him as master for the Triumph; is anxious to put aside all other business to serve the State, but cannot do so by the time she will need the master attendant on board, and has come up from Chatham to tell him.	74
" "	Capt. Wm. Pickering, *Pearl, Lee Road.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed the Hull ships bound for London to the Lee Road, and will return to his station	75
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends a survey and estimate of some erections and repairs made by the late victualler, all necessary and of continual use. Hears they desire to know the state of the stores as to Noyals canvas; has a good quantity, but as none is to be had thereabouts, 100 bales more might be ordered. Supposes they have heard of the arrival of Capt. Story from the Canaries, and of his having destroyed 16 Spanish ships. The Nonsuch has arrived from the Downs, with 140 men for the great ships; is giving them all dispatch. If they have not hired a small vessel to attend upon those ships, there is one at Portsmouth which may be had reasonably.	76
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Need not inform them of the arrival of Capt. Story, and the tidings he brings, but desires order as to fitting his frigate, and paying the men, as they have much due to them; as also the Fairfax and Speaker when they come in. The Nonsuch has arrived with the master of the Resolution and 143 men, but fears they will run when they come on shore, having but one or two months' pay due. Wants one more ship in the Road before any more men are sent. Hopes to carry on the business with those he now has, there being 120 entered on board the Naseby. Wants a supply of labourers to end the works on the Resolution; they will give better attendance than sailors.	77
" "	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Has convoyed several vessels to and from the Maas by order of Wm. Burton, and is now returning thither with Mr. Digeson of Hull, according to their order.	78
" 28	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^rs	Order to examine the account of Lieut.-Col. Elton of money disbursed in tallowing the Pearl, and make out a bill to Ensign Rich. Elton for what is due.	79
" "	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Wants his bills of disbursements returned; Capt. Bowen wants cordage	80

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1657. May 28	Fras. Brexton, *the Wakefield, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Having had a letter from Lord Richard [Cromwell] recommending him for preferment, and a promise from him to second it, is waiting on board the Wakefield till their Honors send for him.	Vol. 167. 81
" "	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	The Portsmouth has come in to revictual, will hasten her back to her station. The Vulture has not yet arrived, nor any from Dunkirk.	82
" "	Ordnance officers -	"	Sends the account of the gunner of the Marmaduke, of powder and shot expended while at Jamaica; as near 600 shot have been expended simply in saluting, cannot approve it. With the account verified by Capt. Wm. Godfrey the commander.	83, 84
" "	Peter Reeves -	"	Petition for employment, having served the State 12 years by sea and land, and been in all the engagements with the Dutch. Was dismissed from employment as boatswain of the Sapphire last month, and his wages stopped, for lending an old stream cable to Mr. Watts of a merchant ship bound to Rochelle, which ship being taken, it was never returned. With certificate by E. Hayward of Chatham Dock that Reeves' account agrees with the issues and supplies, except a stream cable, which he alleges he lent to Mr. Watts.	85, 86
" "	Capt Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Was necessitated to come in to clean and revictual without order, having only 6 days' provisions on the 25th inst.	87
" "	Thos. Fleet, *Falcon Flyboat, Bay of Wyers.*	"	Sends two muster books and an account of provisions distributed to the fleet by order of the General, which he desires may be delivered to the Victualler-General, so that on the coming in of each ship, the provisions received may be charged on each purser, on the passing of his accounts.	88
" "	Capt. John Woolters, *Nonsuch, Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has turned over into the Naseby and Resolution 143 men, received on board in the Downs by order of Capt. Whitehorne, and is about hauling his ship on shore to clean and tallow.	89
" 29	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Hampshire, lately returned from Gen. Blake's fleet, as soon as she is refitted and arrived at Spithead, reserving 3 months' pay as accustomed.	90
" "	Jno. Dymock -	—	Receipt for 6 iron furnaces into the stores from Hen. Quintin, weighing 3 tons 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.	91
" "	Augustine Aldridge, *Lidney, Dean Forest.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Is felling, squaring, and carrying timber as ordered; wants money, as Major Wade cannot supply any, and is in a great strait, being forced to borrow for himself and workmen. Encloses a bill for 100*l.* for their acceptance.	92
" "	Capt. Jno. Hayward, *Entrance, Hope.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is ordered to the Downs, but wants 80 men; asks two days' leave to go into Essex to procure them before sailing.	93
" 30	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	As the State is at needless charge in maintaining two officers in Dean Forest, when the work may be carried on with more advantage by one of them, and as Mr. Furzer cannot be spared until the ship building there is launched, Mr. Aldridge must be called off.	94
" "	Adm. Judges at Dunkirk.	—	Certificate that if Jacob Zacharias, a prisoner at Plymouth, is discharged and sent over, John Martens and Thos. Houtson, of Selby, shall be discharged and sent over in exchange. Repeated 29 June.	95

Letters and Papers relating to the Navy, &c.—*cont.*

Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1657. May 30	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Sent their letter on board for Capt. Hayward, who is in London. He has 134 men on board, and the Dunbar 277 ; only 9 pressed watermen have appeared, and those went back to Chatham on pretence of getting their clothes ; any that do appear only come to enter themselves, and then go where they please.	Vol. 167. 96
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett -	Robt. Blackborne	Acquainted the Admiralty Commissioners yesterday that the 3,000*l.* imprested had been issued for payment to the pensioners, and that if some course was not taken for a supply, many poor creatures were likely to suffer, and amongst others the bearer, a Jersey man, who has 4*l.* due. Begs that some speedy way may be thought of, or he cannot carry on with any comfort.	97
,, ,,	Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Has sent up 3 pieces of English sailcloth to the Navy Commissioners from 15*d.* to 18*d.* per yard, and if found fit, can supply a greater quantity. The Guinea and Lark were appointed to ply on their stations between Alderney, Portland, and the Isle of Wight, but having been called off, and Capt. Lardge refusing to convoy any vessels, except as far as Guernsey, as beyond his station, there are a number of ships laden with drapery bound for St. Malo, now waiting a convoy. Asks that Lardge may be ordered to see them as far as Cape Frehaile, where he is as likely to meet with the enemy as in any place, and this will content the merchants, encourage trade, and advance the State's revenue in customs and excise, which is much obstructed by the long lying of vessels in port.	98
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends a note of 76 bundles of hemp and 15 lasts of tar sent from Hamburg by Mr. Wood, and received into the stores on Capt. Alderne's account ; also an account of the sale of decayed stores, and iron furnaces received from Mr. Quintin, and desires order as to hiring a small ketch to attend the Resolution. Has received the galleon and Elias prize from the prize officers, and asks whether to make out bills to them for such ships as are taken into the State's hands. With notes of reply.	99, 100
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Will dispose of the decayed provisions to the best advantage, reserve such sail cloth as may be fit for hammocks or awnings, and observe their directions about the Sorlings and Wolf when they arrive. The Nonsuch has come in ; 20 men might be taken out of her and other ships. Will give the Hampshire all dispatch.	101
,, 31	Capt. Rich. Haddock, *Dragon, Dover Road.*	,,	Will repair to the squadron before Dunkirk, as soon as he has taken in the month's provisions ordered by Capt. Whitehorne.	102
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Henfield, *Acadia, Ostend.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends 2 muster books. Has granted 3 tickets, and as they are the first, hopes they will be allowed. The Assistance and her squadron are waiting all oppportunity against the enemy.	103
,, ,,	———	—	List of 126 prisoners, English, Irish, French, and Spanish, taken at sea and now in Plymouth Castle.	104
,, ,,	———	—	Note of some who are weak and unfit for service, and a continued charge to the State - -	105
,, ,,	Shipmasters -	—	Receipts for prisoners conveyed on board several ships bound for London from the Clara of Hull.	106–123
,, ,,	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. and Navy Com^rs	Reports of ships in the Hope, with their numbers of men, and of those arriving or departing. [5 *papers.*]	124–128

WARRANTS of the PROTECTOR AND COUNCIL.

Date.		To	Subject.	References,	
1656.				I. 77.	I. 114.
July	1	Pass	For Fras. Calmady, with his family, goods, and arms to Ireland	—	4
,,	,,	,,	For Wm. Ball and servant to France	—	4
,,	,,	,,	For Wm. Davis to Holland	—	5
,,	,,	,,	For Capt. And. Lloyd and servant to France	—	6
,,	,,	License	For Thos. Walsingham to export 4 horses from Dover to France, on desire of Col. Chas. Howard.	218	7
,,	,,	,,	For Amb. Nieuport to transport 4 horses from Gravesend, duty free	218	10
,,	3	Pass	For Thos. Paynton and servant beyond seas	208	6
,,	8	,,	For John Hayne, beyond sea	232	—
,,	,,	,,	For Mich. Szanty and John Posahazy, Hungarian students, to Amsterdam	233	—
,,	,,	License	For Fred. Von Allfelt, cupbearer to the King of Denmark, to export 4 horses from Gravesend.	232	11
,,	,,	Pass	For Chris. Creake to France	—	7
,,	,,	,,	For Viscount Conway and servant to France	233	8
,,	,,	,,	For Ellen Pecket and maid to France	233	8
,,	,,	,,	For Ant. Robert to France	228	9
,,	,,	License	,, to export 2 horses from Rye to France	228	9
,,	,,	Pass	For John Webb to France	—	10
,,	9	,,	For Simon Plunket to Ireland	—	8
,,	10	,,	For John Knight to France	—	9
,,	,,	,,	For John Orchanton and servant to Scotland, to Lord Cranston, who is raising forces for the King of Sweden.	—	10
,,	15	License	For Wm. Parker to transport 1 horse from Dover to France	254	11
,,	,,	Pass	,, and servant to France	254	11
,,	,,	,,	For Thomas and Hen. Proby and servant to France	254	11
,,	,,	,,	For Mat. Waite, son, and servant to Holland	254	11
,,	,,	,,	For Jane Herbert and servant to France, on desire of Jas. Herbert, her father	254	12
,,	,,	License	For John Tracy to transport one little stone nag from Dover to France, on desire of Mr. Hen. Cromwell.	254	12
,,	17	Pass	For Lord Falkland, with 4 servants, to France	254	24
,,	,,	License	,, to transport 4 horses from Dover	254	24
,,	,,	Pass	For Paul Richaut to Holland	260	—
,,	,,	,,	For Augustine Betson, Peter Eveleigh, and Rich. Smith, to the Spaw	260	—
,,	,,	,,	For Sarah Bunce, James and Rebecca her children, and servant, to Zealand, on desire of Mr. Bunce	303	17

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Date.	To	Subject.	References.	
			I. 77.	I. 114.
1656. July 17	Pass	For Thos. Wharton, Jas. Browne, and Rich. Key, beyond sea	258	12
" "	"	For Olive Young, widow, and her son Jacob, to Holland	260	13
" "	"	For Thomas Lord Rivers, his servant, and Dr. Peter Berwick, to the Spaw	254	14
" "	"	For Wm. Willoughby, Howard Beecher, his tutor, and 2 servants, to France	260	16
" "	License	" to export 2 geldings from Rye to France	260	16
" 18	Pass	For Maurice Style to France	—	12
" "	License	For Rob. Mordaunt, to export 2 horses from Gravesend to Holland	264	13
" "	"	For Wm. Hagley " " Rye to France	264	19
" 22	Pass	For Rich. Norton, a man and maid, to Holland	—	13
" "	License	For Job Ward, to transport 2 horses from Rye to Dieppe	264	14
" "	"	For Count de Brienne, to transport 15 horses from Dover to France, custom free, for his own use.	268	31
" "	Pass	For Bernard Howard and 2 servants to Flushing	269	14
" "	"	For Thos. Kent and Anna Johnson to Holland	—	14
" "	"	For Theop. Wray to Holland	269	14
" "	"	For Katherine Stafford and maid to France	269	15
" "	"	For Mary Stafford and maid to France	269	—
" "	"	For Reimbout Van Dam, and two other gentlemen of the Dutch ambassador, to Holland	269	15
" "	"	For Peter Huart to France	269	15
" "	"	For Ant. Craven and servant, with 6 couple of hounds, to Holland	269	15
" "	"	For Fred D'Alfelt [or Von Allfelt], cupbearer to the King of Denmark, beyond seas	267	15
" "	License	For Geo. Croocke, Ambassador Nieuport's secretary, to transport 4 horses from Gravesend to the Low Countries, custom free.	268	18
" "	Pass	For Wm. Hagley and 2 servants to France	269	18
" 23	"	For Wm. Halton, of Samford, Sussex, to France, on desire of Dr. Bates	303	17
" 24	"	For Alex. Marchant, sieur de St. Michel, to France	280	17
" 25	"	For Abr. Thomas to Portugal	303	17
" 29	Serj. Dendy	To apprehend Col. John Okey and bring him before Council	—	21
" "	"	" —— Portman " "	—	21
" "	"	" [Thos. Verney. Name in short-hand.] "	—	21
" "	"	" Capt. John Lawson " "	—	24
" 30	Pass	For Capt. Isaac Ashley, in the service of the States General, with man and maid, to Holland.	304	18
" 31	License	For Wm. Hagley to export 2 horses from Rye to France	303	19
" "	Pass	For Rich. Rowlandson beyond seas	304	19
" "	"	For Sam. Burgess to Holland	303	19

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Date.	To	Subject.	References.	
1656.			I. 77.	I. 114.
July 31	Pass	For Lady Cornwallis, Henrietta Cornwallis, Wm. St. Barbe, M.D., and 4 others, to France	303	19
„ „	„	For Ambrose Browne and servant to the Spaw, Germany	304	19
„ „	„	For Abigail Cromwell, with man and maid, to Holland	304	20
„ „	„	For Eliz. Hobart, Abigail her daughter, John Ketten, and a servant, to Holland	304	20
„ „	„	For Ralph Skipwith to Dunkirk	303	21
„ „	„	For Thos. Collins to Holland	303	25
„ „	„	For Rob. Fassett, wife, and 3 children, to Holland	304	—
Aug. 1	„	For John Quin to France	—	21
„ „	Serj. Dendy	To receive Rich. Lea, now in charge of the guard at Whitehall, and keep him in safe custody.	305	21
„ 5	License	For the ambassador of the King of Sweden to export for the king's use 500 barrels of gunpowder.	305	22
„ 6	Serj. Dendy	To take Col. Edm. Ludlow into custody, and keep him till further order [Vol. cxxix. No. 105, A]	—	—
„ 7	Pass	For John Pepys and servant to Holland, on desire of Sam. Pepys	327	23
„ „	„	For Sir Thos. Mackworth and 2 servants to France	327	—
„ 8	„	For Lady Kath. Steward to Holland	327	24
„ „	„	For Sam. Richardson and Rob. James to Holland	327	25
„ 14	„	For Eliz. Scot and servants to Holland	—	25
„ „	„	For Elinor Patrick and one girl to France	—	25
„ „	„	For Jas. Johnson and servant to France	—	25
„ „	„	For Thos. Gardner to Holland	—	25
„ „	„	For Rich. Tempest and 6 couple of dogs to France	—	25
„ „	„	For Rich. Weekes to Holland	—	27
„ „	Serj. Dendy	To convey Col. Nath. Rich to Windsor Castle, and deliver him to the governor	329	26
„ „	Governor of Windsor Castle.	To receive „ and keep him in safe custody in the castle	329	26
„ „	Serj. Dendy	To apprehend Col. Mat. Allured, convey him with all expedition to the Isle of Man, and deliver him to the deputy-governor. The Major-Generals to convoy him through their respective counties.	329	27
„ „	Deputy governor of the Isle of Man.	To receive Allured, and keep him in safe custody in the safest place of the island for security.	—	27
„ 19	Pass	For Thos. Stocker, native of Holland, with wife and children, to Holland	—	28
„ 21	License	For Sir Edw. Sydenham to export 2 geldings	342	—
„ 22	Pass	For Geo. Mordaunt and 2 servants to Holland	—	28

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Date.	To	Subject.	References.	
1655–6.			I. 77.	I. 114.
Aug. 22	Pass	For Lewis Rosin, being in his Highness' immediate service, to Holland, with 2 servants and goods, custom free.	—	29
,, 28	License	For Gilb. Dawson to transport 2 geldings from Rye to France	356	29
,, ,,	,,	For Lord Strickland ,, 1 ,, to Holland	356	29
,, ,,	,,	For Sir Wm. Vavasour ,, 10 ,, from Dover, for the forces to be raised by him for the King of Sweden.	356	30
,, ,,	,,	For —— Cheshire ,, 1 horse to Holland	356	30
,, ,,	Pass	For Katharine Barnardiston and 2 servants to Holland	425	29
,, ,,	,,	For Mrs. Kilvert, a man and maid, to Flanders	—	30
,, 29	,,	For Capt. Wm. Bedells and 2 servants, and Thos. Dolman and 1 servant, to Holland	356	30
Sept. 2	,,	For Rob. Bayley and servant to France	—	30
,, 5	License	For Col. Edw. Cooke to transport 2 geldings from Dover to France	342	21
,, 11	,,	For the French ambassador to export 6 horses from Dover, custom free, for his own use	393	32
,, 14	,,	For Mat. Lister to export 3 geldings from Dover	372	33
,, 16	Pass	For Tralone Hawckins and 7 couple of hounds to Holland, on desire of Col. Hen. Cromwell	400	32
,, 17	,,	For Lord Conway and his lady and company to return from beyond seas into England	403	32
,, ,,	,,	For Fras. Boyle and his wife, Mary Killigrew, John James, 4 small children, with a coach and 4 horses, and 8 servants, beyond seas.	403	33
,, ,,	License	For Fras. Boyle, to export a coach and 4 horses	—	33
,, 25	Pass	For Capt. Geo. Moreton and 2 servants to Holland	411	34
,, ,,	License	For Roger, Lord Broghill, President of the Council in Scotland, to transport 8 horses from Gravesend.	410	35
,, ,,	,,	For Lieut.-Col. Dolman to transport 2 horses from Rye	411	35
,, ,,	Pass	,, ,, and 2 servants to Holland	411	35
,, 29	,,	For Christopher, or Lord Hatton, and 3 servants to return from beyond seas	412	35
Oct. 1	,,	For the said 3 servants to France	—	35
,, 2	,,	For Lord Wm. Stafford and 5 servants to Holland	425	36
,, ,,	,,	For Thos. Vaughan, of Gray's Inn, to France	420	36
,, ,,	,,	For Col. Edw. Aldrich and servants beyond sea, that he may repair to the Prince Elector's court	425	36
,, 7	,,	For Katherine, Viscountess Ranelagh, 2 daughters, servants, and 8 horses to Ireland	429	—
,, ,,	,,	Rob. Lesly, wife, and servants, to Hamburg, at request of Lord Lambert	430	—
,, 9	License	For Miles Reeves to export 5 horses from Dover	432	39
,, ,,	,,	For Rob. Austyn, of Pitchmarsh, to export 2 horses from Gravesend to France	432	37
,, 14	,,	For —— Windham and another to have liberty to come up to London and stay there, for despatch of private affairs, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.	434	—

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Date.	To	Subject.	Reference.	
1656.			I. 77.	I. 114.
Oct. 14	License	For Jonathan Trelawny, of Trelawny, co. Cornwall, to come to London and stay there	434	—
" "	"	For Wm. Thornton, of Grantham, " "	434	—
" "	"	For Sir Ralph Freeman, " "	434	—
" "	"	For Sir John Norton, Bart., " "	434	—
" "	"	For John Lukenor, of Wedsen, co. Sussex, " "	434	—
" "	"	For Wm. Hanmer, of the Fennes, co. Flint, " "	434	—
" "	"	For Col. Somerset Fox to have like leave to come up, on a trial at Westminster	434	—
" 16	"	For Rob. Austyn, of Pitchmarsh, to export 3 horses from Dover to France	442	38
" "	Pass	For Fielding Hill to France	442	38
" "	License	" " to transport 1 horse from Dover to France	442	38
" "	Pass	For Dan. Blanchard to France	—	38
" 21	License	For Maj.-Gen. Rob. Lilburne to transport one stone horse and one gelding from Rye to France	448–457	39
" "	"	For John Barkman, agent of the King of Sweden, to transport 4 geldings custom free	448	40
" 28	Pass	For Henry, Lord Kensington, Rich. Topham, his tutor, and 3 servants, beyond seas	461	42
" "	Licence	" " to transport one horse from Rye	461	44
" "	"	For Maj.-Gen. Rob. Lilburne " 3 horses from beyond seas to France	—	40
" "	Pass	For Hatton Rich and 2 servants to France	461	39
" "	"	For John Gill or his assigns to Dunkirk, to bring back the Elizabeth of Newcastle	—	41
" "	License	For Edw. Whichcott, of Horriswell, co. Lincoln, to come to London, and stay for private business, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.	456	—
" "	"	For Sir Rob. Foster, serjeant-at-law, to like effect	456	—
" "	"	For John James, of Lees, co. Essex "	460	—
" "	Capt. Thos Strangway, John Topling, keeper of Durham gaol, and others concerned.	To send Hen. Howard, now prisoner in Durham Gaol, to the chief officer of Capt. Strangway's troop in Durham, who is to send 2 or 3 soldiers with him to York, where the chief officer is to forward him in safe custody to Whitehall, and deliver him to the marshal-general.	—	42
" 31	Pass	For Edw. Crew to Holland	462	40
" "	License	For Chas. Kirk to transport 8 horses from Rye to France	471	40
Nov. 4	Pass	For Ludovicus Gustavus, Earl of Holach, and servants, beyond seas	—	41
" "	License	" " " to export 2 horses from Gravesend	442, 482	41
" "	"	For Amb. Nieuport " 10 " " custom free within 6 weeks.	473	42
" "	Keeper of Newgate.	To receive and detain in custody —— Greenway, for counterfeiting warrants to defraud the State of large sums.	479	42

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Date.	To	Subject.	References.	
1656.			I. 77.	I. 114.
Nov. 4	License	For Thos. Cockayne to export from Dover 3 horses custom free, for Col. Wm. Lockhart, his Highness' agent in France.	473	43, 45
,, ,,	,,	For Jas. Ash to export from Dover 2 horses	482	46
,, ,,	,,	For Sir Wm. Thorold, of Grantham, to come to London on business, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.	474	—
,, 11	,,	For Amb. Bourdeaux to transport to France 2 pieces of hangings custom free, for his own use.	488	43
,, ,,	,,	For M. Anneval to transport from Dover to France custom free 7 Barbary horses, which were brought by him from France to England, being at the desire of the French ambassador.	488	44
,, 18	,,	For Sir Walter Vane to transport 2 horses beyond seas	507	45
,, ,,	,,	For Ald. Ireton, of London, to transport 2 horses from Gravesend	507	49
,, ,,	,,	For —— Dolman to transport 1 horse beyond seas	507	—
,, 19	,,	For And. Balsore ,, ,, from Dover to France	—	46
,, 20	,,	For Sir Chas. Howard ,, 3 horses ,,	515	47
,, ,,	,,	For Thos. Wade ,, 2 ,, ,,	499	47
,, ,,	,,	For Edw. Tabor ,, 4 ,, ,,	516	47
,, ,,	,,	For Lord Walter Strickland to transport 2 horses	517	—
,, ,,	Pass	For John Underhill and servant to Holland	—	46
,, 24	License	For Thos. Carter to transport 2 horses from Gravesend	499	47
,, 25	,,	For Hen. Howard to come on his necessary business to London, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.	525	—
,, 27	,,	For Capt. Gannock, of Oxfordshire, ,, ,, ,,	531	—
Dec. 2	Pass	For Walter Bartlett and John Apsley to France	—	50
,, 3	,,	For Hen. Hillyard and servant to France, and thence to the Spa	546	50
,, 11	,,	For Art. Warren and servant beyond seas	569	51
,, ,,	,,	For Lord Andover and 2 servants to France	569	52
,, 18	,,	For Fras. Brudenell, his sister, Anna Maria Brudenell, and 2 servants to France	569	53
,, 23	,,	For Capt. John Skelton and 1 servant to the Low Countries	586	53
,, 24	,,	For John Thimelby and servant to France	594	53
1657.				
Jan. 1	Pass	For Edw. Smith and 2 servants to France	611	54
,, ,,	,,	For Valentine Gladie to France	611	54
,, ,,	,,	For Mich. Warton and servant to France	611	54
,, ,,	,,	For Sir Jas. Bridgman and servant to Holland	611	54

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Date.	To	Subject.	References.	
1657.			I. 77.	I. 114.
Jan. 8	Pass	For Giles, Lord Allington, and 3 servants, to France	627	55
” ”	”	For Rob. Cholmondeley, of Grange, near Over, Cheshire, and his tutor, to France	627	56
” 12	”	For Dr. Morrison and 2 servants, to France	628	56
” 13	”	For Wm. Watkins to Holland	—	56
” ”	”	For Lord Tankerville and 12 hounds beyond sea	634	57
” 17	Governor of Hurst Castle.	To have Lord Sinclair, who is there in custody, conveyed under guard to Windsor Castle, for the benefit of his health.	626	57
” ”	Governor of Windsor Castle.	To receive and keep him till further order from his Highness	—	57
” 20	License	For the nominee of John Maidstone, steward of the household, to take up 40 tuns of Spanish and 30 of French wines for his Highness's household, free of customs and excise, for the year ensuing.	641	58
Jan. 23	Pass	For Nich. Lanyon to France	—	58
” ”	”	For Ralph Leicester to the Low Countries	—	59
” ”	”	For Edw. Drewet to France	—	59
” ”	License	For the agent of Amb. Nieuport to take up for his use 11 hhds. of white French wine, one of vinegar, and barrels of salt lemons, dried French beans, and olives, brought over in the St. Peter, of Middleburg, customs and excise free.	—	60
” 26	Pass	At request of Amb. Bordeaux for the St. Anne, bound from Holland to Malta, under Sieur de St. Just, Knight of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, to be employed in service there.	656	60
” ”	”	The same for a vessel bound from Bretagne to Malta, under Sieur Sevin, Knight of St. John	656	60
” 27	”	For the Marquis of Douglas, colonel of a regiment of Scotch foot in service of the King of France, with 4 officers and their servants, to France, on request of M. de Bordeaux, the French ambassador.	656	61
” ”	License	For the Marquis to export a horse from Dover to France	656	61
” ”	Pass	For Cæsar Cranmer and 2 servants to France	664	60
Feb. 3	Sir John Barkstead	To receive Nich. Sundercombe, apprehended for high treason, and keep him in the Tower till delivered by course of law.	677	62
” 5	Pass	For Walter Vavasour and servant to France	689	62
” ”	”	For Abr. Thomas, a Persian, to travel to Yarmouth and Norwich, and to return	688	62
” ”	”	For Capt. Dan. Norman to Jersey	688	62
” ”	”	For Lady Anne Montague, with 6 men servants and 2 maids, to France	688	63
” ”	”	For Lady Eliz. Willoughby and Dorothy Chaworth, with 2 maids and 2 men, to the Spa	689	63
” ”	”	For Allen Zouch and servant to France	688	65
” ”	”	For Giles Fettiplace and 2 servants to Holland	688	—
” ”	”	For Sir John Arundel and 2 servants to France	688	—

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Date.	To	Subject.	References.	
			I. 77.	I. 114.
1657. Feb. 5	Pass	For Nath. Bayley for Ireland	688	—
" "	"	For Eman. Altham for Holland	688	—
" "	"	For John Ryves and servant to France	688	—
" "	"	For Dorothy Hubert and maid to France	689	—
" 10	"	For Wm. Chapman and Thos. White to France with 12 couple of hounds and a brace of greyhounds, from Rye, Shoreham, or Hastings, Sussex.	701	63
" 11	License	For Sir John Tyrrell, Herne, Essex, to come to stay in London on business, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.	698	—
" "	"	For the Earl of Carberry and family, to come to stay in London on business, the late Proclamation notwithstanding.	700	—
" 14	Pass	For Rob. Bower and servant to Holland	711	63
" 16	"	For John Slaughter and servant to Holland	711	64
" 17	"	For Phil. Fettiplace, wife and maid, to Holland	717	64
" 19	"	For Col. Simon Rugeley, Capt. John Rugeley, and 4 servants to Ireland	—	64
" "	"	For Sir Rob. Honeywood, his son Robert, and 2 servants to Holland	—	64
March 3	"	For John Scott, of Nottingham, beyond seas, he having entered into a bond to transport himself in 3 months.	742	65
" 5	"	For Lieut. Watts, with one servant and 15 couple of hounds for the Lord Admiral of Holland, moved by Lord Strickland.	748	—
" 14	"	For Edw. Weld and servant beyond seas	—	66
" 17	License	For Rob. Honeywood to transport a horse from Gravesend	762	66
" "	"	For Algernon, Earl of Northumberland, to export 4 horses from Rye for his brother, Lord Percy, in France, in exchange for 2 barbs sent him thence by his brother.	762	66
" 19	"	For Edw. Backwell, on his petition, to transport beyond seas, in wrought plate, 400*l.*, the residue of 20,400*l.* Portugal money, which by warrant of 1 Aug. last he was to export custom free.	776	66
" "	"	For Hen. Bradberry and John Deane, Mr. Bedingfield's menial servants, to repair to their master in France.	777	—
" "	"	For Peter, son of Major-Gen. Colleton, aged 20, to France, with a servant, for his breeding there.	777	—
Apr. 3	Pass	For Signor Francisco, an Italian, from Dover to France	—	67
" "	"	For Mary Wylde, Elizabeth, her sister, and Symona Carey, with two servants, to France	799	67
" 9	"	For John and Joachim Frederic Wind, Severin Schevering, and 2 servants, subjects of the King of Denmark, to Denmark, at advice of the Danish agent.	799	69
" "	"	For Georgius Rosenkrantz Pallesew and 3 others, subjects of the King of Denmark, with 2 servants, to France.	—	69

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Date.	To	Subject.	References.	
1657.			I. 77.	I. 114.
April 14	Protection from impress.	For Wm. Welsh, master, and 14 harpooners and steersmen of the William and Sarah, going to Greenland, for the Muscovy company.	—	67
,, ,,	,, ,,	For Jas. Goulding, master, and 27 ,, ,, Exchange, ,,	—	68
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,, ,,	,, ,,	For Rob. Sares, master, and 7 ,, ,, Spinner, ,,	—	71
,, ,,	,, ,,	For John Pibus, master, and 17 ,, ,, Damasell, ,,	—	71
,, ,,	Pass	For Lady Diana Digby, eldest daughter of the Earl of Bristol, on her petition, to go to her father in Flanders on private business, and to return.	791	69
,, ,,	,,	For Thomas and John Spencer to France	722	72
,, 23	License	For Amb. Nieuport to take up for his own use, custom free, 14 tuns of Rhenish wine, brought from Holland.	—	73
,, 28	Pass	For And. Murford for Holland, at desire of his father, Capt. Murford	799	—
,, ,,	,,	For Rob. Napier and Geo. Andrews, beyond seas, at desire of Sir Rich. Napier	799	—
,, ,,	,,	For Margaret Thorpe and Dorothy, her daughter, with a man and a maid, beyond seas.	799	73
,, ,,	,,	For William, eldest son of Sir Wm. Waller, and John Erds, his governor, to France	799	74
,, ,,	,,	For Phil. Howard and 2 servants to Holland	799	79
,, 30	,,	For Mary Facon, widow, with 2 men and 2 maids, to Holland	808	73
,, ,,	,,	For Christopher, son of Dr. Bathurst, to France, on desire of his father	808	73
,, ,,	,,	For John Clerke to Ireland	808	74
May 5	,,	For Fras. Thursby to France	814	74
,, ,,	,,	For Thomas, Earl of Down, with 3 servants, to France, for recovery of his health, and to return.	814	74
,, 7	License	For Dr. Brune Ryves to take up at the Custom-house, customs and excise free, 3,000 reams of paper for printing the introduction to the Bible in the original and other learned languages.	—	76, 77
,, 12	Serjeant Dendy	To apprehend Geo. Firbanck and Mary Barnard, and bring them before Council to answer charges.	—	77
,, 14	License	For John Teilby to export a stone horse beyond seas	822	78
,, 21	Protection from impress.	For Rich. Child and John Damerell, masters, and 21 steersmen and harpooners of the Hope and Sarah, adventurers for Greenland.	—	78
,, 26	Pass	For Edw. Zouch and Thos. Jones to France, on desire of Lord Barrimore	829	79
,, 27	,,	For Hen. Isham and servants to Middleburg, Zealand	—	78

WARRANTS of the PROTECTOR and COUNCIL for PAYMENT of MONEY.

Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.			References.	
				£	s.	d.	I. 76.	I. 106.
1655. July 11	Gualter Frost	Wm. Shepheard	For half a year's salary ending 25 Dec. last	150	0	0	216	6
„ 15	„	Marg. Lamy	For present relief	2	0	0	—	6
„ 18	„	Peter Lombard	Gratuity for presenting several portraits of his Highness to Council.	20	0	0	256	8
„ 22	„	George Alkinton	For a chain of gold, and a jewel with his Highness' portrait, for M. Coyet, late agent for the King of Sweden.	410	4	6	196	7
„ 24	„	Lieut.-Col. Tyssen	For the charges of 200 soldiers bound to Jamaica with him.	150	0	0	271	7
„ 31	„	6 Officers to the Committee for Trade.	For ½ a year's salary	140	0	0	—	7
„ „	„	Lady Rebecca Williams	For a quarter's rent for her house in Palace Yard.	75	0	0	—	9
Aug. 3	„	Humphry Holden	For lodging, diet, and fire for Cornet Day, since his commitment, 13 Dec. last.	31	1	5	—	9
„ 7	„	Gawen Hudson	Half a year's allowance for his agency, on bill of exchange by Rich. Bradshaw, resident at Hamburg.	400	0	0	294	8
„ 10	„	Lieut.-Col. Roseworme	For one quarter's salary	45	0	0	—	10
„ 28	„	Richard Scutt	For setting up lights in the passages at Whitehall for one ½ year.	6	0	0	—	9
„ „	„	Peter Sterry	For a quarter's salary as preacher at Whitehall	50	0	0	—	10
„ „	„	George Vaux, housekeeper at Whitehall.	For half a year's salary, and cleaning the passages.	75	0	0	—	10
„ „	„	12 household servants at Whitehall.	For a quarter's salary	72	10	0	—	12
„ 27	„	Ninian Williamson, merchant.	By order of Col. Wm. Lockhart, on account of his negotiation in France.	250	0	0	—	20
Sept. 20	„	Thomas Simons, graver for his Highness' mint and seals.	For a jewel for the Swedish ambassador, in lieu of 850*l*. ordered 3 Sept.	863	18	0	387	11
„ „	„	Serjeant Dendy	For diet for prisoners	181	8	0	—	12
„ „	„	8 Council messengers	For riding journeys	29	4	3	—	12
„ „	„	9 Serjeants' deputies	„ „ and expenses, &c.	283	1	7	—	13
„ „	„	Rich. Nutt, bargemaster	For attending the Swedish ambassador from London to Gravesend 15 Jan., and bringing him back 17 Jan. 1656.	17	10	0	—	13

Warrants of the Protector and Council for Payment of Money—*cont.*

Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.			References.	
1655.				£	s.	d.	I. 76.	I. 106.
Sept. 20	G. Frost - -	Rich. Scutt, usher -	For a year's firing and 3 quarter's bills - -	294	10	0	—	13
,, ,,	,, - -	Capt. John Owens -	For stationery for Council and the secretary's office, 4 Jan. 1655 to 24 June 1656.	277	15	5	—	13
,, 25	,, - -	Col. Robt. Gibbon -	For providing colours for his regiment - -	20	0	0	—	13
,, 30	,, - -	Wm. Williams -	For one quarter's printing the bills of mortality	2	10	0	—	16
,, ,,	,, - -	Dr. Walter Walker, advocate.	For half a year's salary - - -	50	0	0	—	16
,, ,,	,, - -	Ambrose Randolph -	For three quarters' salary as keeper of the paper office, Whitehall.	120	0	0	—	16
Oct. 9	Wm. Walker, Treasurer for the army's contingencies.	John Hodgson -	In full for medicines for the forces in Scotland -	12	0	0	–	13
,, ,,	Gualter Frost - -	Wm. Lisham - -	For disbursements for committees of Parliament	1	17	6	—	14
,, ,,	,, - -	George Vines -		3	8	4	—	14
,, 30	,, - -	Lady Rebecca Williams	One quarter's rent for her house in the Palace Yard.	75	0	0	—	17
,, ,,	,, - -	Peter Sterry - -	One quarter's salary as preacher at Whitehall.	50	0	0	—	17
,, ,,	,, - -	Rich. Scutt - -	For one half year's lighting up passages in Whitehall.	6	0	0	—	17
,, ,,	,, - -	Symon Beale, and 11 other trumpeters.	For attending the proclaiming the treaty between his Highness and the French King.	12	0	0	441	18
,, ,,	,, -	Hugh Peters - -	For 3 quarters' salary as preacher in Whitehall.	150	0	0	—	20
Nov. 18	,, - -	Maj.-Gen. Drummond -	For his relief - - - - -	100	0	0	482	14
,, 20	,, - -	Charles Rich, his Highness's avenor.	For coaches and footmen attending the reception-audience of the Swedish and Venetian ambassadors, leave taking of the Swedish ambassador and agent, bringing the French ambassador to dinner, the Brandenburg agent to audience, and carrying his Highness's commissioners to conferences with ambassadors; also for trumpets, torches, charge of inviting coaches, innkeeper's bills, and a hearse for Maj.-Gen. Worsley's funeral.	302	6	6	515	15

Warrants of the Protector and Council for Payment of Money—*cont.*

Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum. £	s.	d.	References.	
							I. 76.	I. 106.
1655. Nov. 24	Gualter Frost	John Marsh	To be issued on warrants from the Worcester house trustees, for the charges of survey of Needwood, Kingswood, Sherwood, and Ashdown forests, and Enfield chace.	250	0	0	499	15
,, 28	,,	Lieut.-Col. John Roseworme.	Quarter of a year's salary	45	10	0	—	18
,, ,,	,,	Wm. Williams	For printing bills of mortality, one quarter	2	10	0	—	20
,, 30	,,	12 household servants at Whitehall.	For a quarter's salary	72	10	0	—	19
,, ,,	,,	Marchmond Needham	For half a year's salary	50	0	0	—	23
Dec. 4	,,	Gabriel Beck	For half a year's salary, in soliciting the dispatch of some public business, by an order of Council of 8 May 1656.	100	0	0	—	19
,, 11	,,	Gen. Montagu	For discharging the bills for apparel, &c. for the Marquis of Baden, and his brother.	300	0	0	—	21
,, 17	,,	Robt. Walton	For cloth and baize for his Highness's watermen, on certificates of the Admiralty Commissioners.	39	1	6	580	23
,, 18	,,	George Vaux, housekeeper at Whitehall.	For a quarter's salary, &c.	37	10	0	—	21
,, 25	,,	Wm. Shephard	For half a year's salary	150	0	0	525	23
,, 29	,,	Serj. Edw. Dendy	For diet of prisoners, &c.	62	13	8	598	22
,, ,,	,,	11 messengers of Council.	For riding charges, &c.	54	9	7		
,, ,,	,,	12 serjeants' deputies	,, and diet of prisoners	188	17	8		
,, ,,	,,	Richard Scutt	For candles, stationery, &c. for Council	61	18	0		
,, ,,	,,	Richard Nutt, master of the barges.	For attending the Swedish ambassador from Dorset House to Whitehall and back, and to Gravesend, 23 to 25 Aug.	34	9	0		
,, ,,	,,	Capt. John Owen	For stationery, &c. for Council and the Secretary's office, 24 June to 29 Sept.	32	7	7		
,, 30	,,	Hugh Peters	For quarter's salary as preacher at Whitehall	50	0	0	—	24
,, ,,	,,	Lady Rebecca Williams	For a quarter's rent for her house in Palace Yard, for entertaining ambassadors.	75	0	0	—	25
			Total	434	15	6		

Warrants of the Protector and Council for Payment of Money—*cont.*

Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.			References.	
				£	*s.*	*d.*	I. 76.	I. 106.
1655. Jan. 29	Gualter Frost - -	Thomas Bury - Stephen Seeres -	For coals for the porter's lodge at Whitehall -	6	0	0	657	24
,, ,,	,, - -	Jas. Willett - -	In advance for a public service, he having made proposals which may be of advantage.	100	0	0	622	26
Feb. 5	,, - -	Alice, widow of John Marsh.	For her relief - - - - -	20	0	0	—	24
,, 24	,, - -	12 household servants at Whitehall.	For one quarter's salary - - -	72	10	0	—	25
,, ,,	,, - -	George Vaux, housekeeper at Whitehall.	For a quarter's salary, and cleaning the passages	37	10	0	—	27
,, ,,	,, - -	Peter Sterry - -	,, ,, as preacher at Whitehall	50	0	0	—	27
,, ,,	,, - -	Lieut.-Col. Roseworm -	,, ,, as engineer general -	45	10	0	—	26
,, ,,	,, - -	Wm. Williams -	For printing the bills of mortality, one quarter -	2	10	0	—	26
,, ,,	,, - -	John Wale - -	For his charges in keeping Maj. Hen. Norwood and Capt. Rich. Dutton prisoners in the Tower.	59	7	0	—	27
,, ,,	,, - -	Dorothy, relict of Maj.-Gen. Worsley.	For his disbursements in seizing part of the late estate of William Toomes, *felo de se.*	15	0	0	680	28
Mar. 10	,, - -	Gawen Hudson -	Bill of exchange by Rich. Bradshaw, resident at Hamburg, for ½ a year's allowance for his agency.	400	0	0	742	28
,, ,,	,, - -	Philip Meadows -	For his journey into Denmark as his Highness' envoy.	400	0	0	747	28
,, 17	,, - -	Maj.-Gen. Rowl. Dawkins.	On account, towards providing supplies for the garrisons of Cardiff and Tenby.	100	0	0	—	29
,, 19	,, - -	Wm. Legg, late keeper of the wardrobe.	On his petition and Frost's report, as balance due of 173*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.* paid by him, for buying and hiring goods for the service.	53	15	10	750	31
,, 20	,, - -	Symon Beale, and 11 other trumpeters -	For attending the proclaiming the treaty between his Highness and the King of Portugal.	12	0	0	—	31
,, ,,	,, - -	Marchmond Needham -	For a quarter's salary - - - -	25	0	0	—	32
April 14	,, - -	Lieut.-Col. Edm. Aston	For present subsistence, for 6 months, daily -	0	1	0	—	33
,, 17	,, - -	Humphrey Holden -	Disbursement for the diet, lodging, &c., of Don Diego de Villa Alva, M. de la Plato, and other Spanish prisoners under his charge, on report from the clerks of Council that they find the bill correct.	125	8	3	791	29

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Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum. £	s.	d.	References.	
1657.							I. 76.	I. 106.
April 28	Gualter Frost - -	Anne, wife of Rich. Swayne.	For rent for a parcel of land adjoining Shrewsbury Castle, employed for fortifications.	10	16	8	794	31, 32
„ „	„ - -	Hugh Peters - -	For a quarter's salary as preacher at Whitehall -	50	0	0	—	30
„ „	„ - -	Peter Sterry - -	„ „ „ „ -	50	0	0	—	30
„ 29	„ - -	Lt.-Col. Roger Fenwick	For his service in accompanying Mr. Rolt to Sweden.	100	0	0	801	30
May 5	„ - -	William Jessop, clerk of Council.	To be paid to Sir John Reynolds, and by him to Dr. French, physician to his forces, for medicaments for them, and to be discounted out of the soldiers' pay.	50	0	0	—	32
„ 12	„ -	Maj.-Gen. Drummond -	Gift from the Protector and Council - -	100	0	0	797	33
„ „	„ - -	Dr. John French -	Advance of pay as physician to Sir John Reynolds' forces.	50	0	0	818	38
„ „	„ - -	Sir Jo. Reynolds -	Advance of pay, being engaged in the present expedition.	500	0	0	818	38
„ „	„ - -	Col. Hen. Lillingston -	Balance, with 500*l.* paid, for himself, his Lieutenant Colonel Whetstone, Capt. Rob. Fitz-Williams, and Capt. Rob. Smith, for raising and quartering their 4 companies 27 days, at 1*s.* press money, and 6*d.* a day quarters in Lincolnshire, towards completing Reynolds' regiment, and also in full pay of these and of Major Haynes and Capt. Pickering's companies, in the same regiment, mustered at Stamford in April; the private soldiers at 8*d.* a day.	255	0	0	818	38
„ 13	„ - -	Nich. Lockier - -	For 1¼ year's salary as preacher at Whitehall -	350	0	0	—	33
„ „	„ -	Lieut.-Col. Roseworme	For a quarter's salary as engineer general -	45	10	0	—	34
„ „	„ - -	John Baptista Stoope -	For his charge and danger in his journey to France on the service, on report on his petition.	200	0	0	795	34
„ „	„ - -	Capt. Jeremiah Smith, Adjt.-General to the forces in Scotland.	For the charge of his return to Scotland -	50	0	0	806	35
„ „	„ - -	Rich. Scutt - -	For setting up lights in Whitehall passages ½ a year.	6	0	0	—	35

Warrants of the Protector and Council for Payment of Money—*cont.*

Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.			References.	
				£	s.	d.	I. 76.	I. 106.
1657. May 13	Gualter Frost - -	Lady Rebecca Williams	For a quarter's rent for her house, for ambassadors.	75	0	0	—	35
" "	" - -	William Wheeler -	For half a year's rent for the passage into Canon Row.	2	0	0	—	36
, 14	" - -	Richard, Grizell, and Jane, children of Dame Jane Spottiswood.	For their relief - - - - -	20	0	0	—	34
" "	" - -	John Morgan - -	In advance of his pay as Major-General under Sir John Reynolds.	200	0	0	822	—
" 26	" - -	Sir Wm. Lockhart -	On account of his allowance as ambassador in France.	800	0	0	826	36
" "	" - -	Rich. Grizell and Jane Spottiswood.	For relief, in addition to the 20*l.* already ordered	20	0	0	—	36
" "	" - -	James Wainwright -	For a bill of exchange at Hamburg, by Rich. Bradshaw, being 1000*l.* for his journey to Muscovy, and 200*l.* for his quarter's allowance.	1200	0	0	825	37
" "	" - -	12 household servants in Whitehall.	For a quarter's salary - - - -	72	10	0	—	37
" "	" - -	William Williams -	For printing the bills of mortality, one quarter -	2	10	0	—	39
" "	" - -	Ambrose Randolph -	For three quarters' salary as keeper of the Paper Office, Whitehall.	120	0	0	—	40

ADDENDA.

1656.
Nov. 24. Receipt by John Tompson, deputy to the Marshal General at the Mews, of 7 Spanish prisoners named. [*Scrap. Vol. CXXX., No.* **122***b*.]

1656–7.
Jan.
Westminster. Commission by the Protector to the Treasury Commissioners, Attorney General, and Barons and other officers of the Exchequer: Whereas by patent of 26 May 1656, we appointed Ralph Hall, Peter Elliston, John Griffith, Edw. Carey, John Wilsby, Wm. Bridges, and Nath. Stirrup, to receive information concerning concealed rents, arrears, debts, money, plate, jewels, goods, &c., not pardoned, take examinations thereon, and certify their discoveries to you, the Treasury Commissioners, that they might issue process thereon in the Exchequer; this patent to last for one year, and all discoverers to be allowed $\frac{1}{5}$ of the benefit of their discoveries, as entered on the Great Roll of the Pipe, or as much more as the Treasury Commissioners think fit to allow: And whereas we allowed to all compounders who should themselves bring information of any part of their estate, concealed or not compounded for, leave to compound for the same at $\frac{1}{4}$ of the value:—Now for the due execution of the said patent, we require you, the Commissioners of our Treasury, Attorney General, and officers of the Exchequer, to cause all such discoveries to be put in charge in the Great Roll of the Pipe, or with the Auditors of Exchequer, and to allow the full $\frac{1}{5}$ to the discoverers, granting warrants for its payment. Voluntary discoverers to be allowed $\frac{1}{5}$ from their discoveries, to be deducted from the value of leases to be granted to them of the said estates so discovered. You are also to receive the petitions for undervaluation in compositions, and allow the petitioners to compound at $\frac{1}{4}$, and give directions for speedy payment into the Exchequer. [*I.* 77, *pp.* 956–962.]

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117, 21 „ „ *for* Serjeant-at-arms *read* Serjeant-at-law.

128, line 3 from top, *for* Treasurers *read* Treasurer.

129, 17 lines from top, *for* Sackington *read* Lackington.

164, 11 „ bottom, *for* Flora *read* Alva.

166, first line, *for* Commissioners for Customs *read* Commissioners for Redemption of Captives.

177, 8 lines from top, *for* Beane *read* Reape.

180, 10 lines from bottom, *for* Lacy *read* Lucy.

183, 5 „ „ *for* Capt. *read* Col. Hen. Smith.

„ 19 „ top, *for* Manley *read* Manby.

184, 14 „ bottom, *for* Clement *read* Clemence.

185, 17 „ top, *for* Dummow *read* Dunmow.

201, 6 „ „ *for* Hacker *read* Parker.

220, 8 „ „ *for* John *read* Thomas.

221, No. 84, *dele* the entry.

224, 3 lines from top, *for* Surrey *read* Sussex.

231, 3 „ „ *for* Fenlon *read* Fenton.

232, 18 „ „ *for* convoy *read* guard.

235, 7 „ „ *for* justices *read* justice.

236, 10 „ „ *for* Col. Mackworth *read* Charles Fleetwood.

261, 24 lines from bottom, *add* co. Devon; next line, *dele* both; and next line, *for* Devon *read* Oxon.

264, line 1, *for* Fras. *read* Thos.

„ „ 9, *for* Selwood *read* Sherwood.

271, „ 13 from top, *for* Guores *read* Gueres.

„ „ 20 „ *for* Pawling *read* Rawling.

277, 8 and 19 lines from bottom, *for* Hethleton *read* Hechleton.

286, 4 „ bottom, *for* Carr *read* Kerr.

„ 15 „ top, *for* Lym *read* Lynn.

296, 17 „ „ *for* with my lord of Canterbury *read* where my lord of Canterbury lay.

(*continued.*)

Errata—*continued.*

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313, 12 lines from bottom, *add* with letter to the Council of Scotland accordingly. [I. 77, p. 968].

319, 11 lines from top, *for* Blandforum *read* Blandford forum.

346, 21 „ „ *for* Bacarras *read* Balcarres.

398, 3 lines from bottom, *for* Wm. Mead, Milton, *read* Wm. Mead of Milton.

404, last line, *for* Fenner *read* Fenn.

„ 1st column, No. 84 ; 410, 1st column, No. 1 ; and 466, 1st column, No. 91, *for* R. *read* P. Bowen.

410, 13 lines from top, *for* Calder *read* Caldy.

420, 1st column, No. 102, *for* John *read* Rob. Mackey.

421, 7 lines from bottom, *for* Loverett *read* Leverett.

438, 1st column, No. 108, and 457, 1st column, No. 148, *for* T. *read* J. Whitstone.

446, 1st column, No. 19, *for* Capt. Rich *read* Nich. Parker.

488, 1st column, No. 189, *for* Rob. *read* Col. Rob. Saunders.

506, 1st column, No. 7, *for* Barbourne *read* Barbour.

513, 10 lines from top, *for* Noth. *read* Nath. Noell.

534, 16 lines from top, *for* Joan *read* John.

557, 1st column, No. 24, *for* Capt. Jas. *read* Capt. Sam. Sharland.

571, 13 lines from top, *for* Parke *read* Parker.

573, 1st column, 15 lines from top, *for* Nich. Parker *read* Rich.

589–591, date heading, *for* 1655 *read* 1656.

591 „ *for* 1655 *read* 1657.

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